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Gen. CLEMENT A. TROTT looks on.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

YANKEE DOINGS is honored to print, as its editorial for this month, the address of the National Chaplain, Reverend WILLARD SMITH, delivered at the Sunday morning Memorial exercises in Worcester during the National Convention. An account of the services will be found elsewhere.

Nearly a score of years have passed since that day when every city and village of New England bade Godspeed to the men of the Yankee Division who set their faces to the East and with the enthusiasm born of a lofty purpose and with the glorious idealism of youth, offered their lives in a cause they knew to be noble and just.

Fanned by the winds of war, the fires of patriotism glowed with white heat. Men such as you and I beheld a vision that only prophets and dreamers had beheld in the past. At last, cried the world, we are entering the promised land of world peace and universal brotherhood.

At last we are awake to the blind folly of this mass murder which men seek to justify by calling it war. At last "peace on earth, good will toward men" shall be the slogan blazoned on the banner of every nation. Our martyred sons will be eternal hostages to Mars that wars shall be no more.

But that was 19 years ago. Today a new generation has risen; the map of the world has been amazingly altered. There is change, everywhere.

And we, who caught the vision of a new order of things, today are cut deeper than we care to admit as we behold our idealism scoffed at, our purpose perverted, and our goal ridiculed by those narrow cynics whose eyes behold no stars in the heavens, but only the dirt at their feet.

The men of the old YD and of every outfit of the A. E. F. fought for something greater than material gain, for something far more precious than wordly wealth. The soil of a land across the sea is hallowed by thirty-three hundred of our comrades of the 26th Division, and by over fifty thousand of America's sons.

The mud of Flanders, the plains of Picardy, the wheat fields below Chateau-Thierry, the hills beyond St. Mihiel, the glades of the Argonne Forest are their resting places, and the poppies of France blossom "between the crosses, row on row."

Not even the gold of a Midas can pay for the sacrifice of those comrades.

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You, who look upon the world today with a mocking smile on your lips as you recall the futile idealism of 18 and 19 years ago, and a "world made safe for democracy." If your hearts are chilled with terror as the earth trembles again with the tramp of marching feet; if you feel the despair of millions and looking back upon the "war to end war", cry out, "it was all in vain". If you feel thus, what of those who died to make that dream come true?

Their souls go marching on. The air is vibrant with their phantom tread that shakes the foundations of the earth; this hour and this place are sacred with their presence. I wonder if they look down upon this troubled world of ours and feel that they have been betrayed? Was it all in vain?

Was that hell-fire of the 18 or 20 years ago but a tiny flare in the history of the ages that another generation or two will forget even as the world today has well-nigh forgotten and forsaken the ideals, the hopes and the dreams we fought for, and our comrades died for in '17 and '18? God forbid.

The men who suffered and the parents that mourned cannot possibly forget the war. But, for every veteran and for every gold-star father and mother there are thousands who do not know war.

To them we sound the challenge that shall echo down the corridors of time until wars shall cease and the goal of the veterans of the A. E. F. shall be reached.

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Who dares to weigh the cost of the last full measure of devotion of our 3300 dead? Because their sacrifice is beyond price, shall we forget it and the glorious hope that prompted it? And shall we return to tread again the bloodstained path of war? Shall we make a pious but empty gesture in their honor today and tomorrow listen to the demagogues who would loose the dogs of war?

Keep faith. Not in blind fanaticism, but in true and lofty patriotism. Not in narrow nationalism, but in love of country that shall rise above race, creed or color. Not in passing honor to our soldier dead, but in a constant living tribute to our heroes of war and peace.

We cherish the memory of our 3300 dead. We reverence the name and memory of him who led us by his love as well as by the stars on his shoulder-straps, "Daddy" Edwards. Can we do less than keep faith with them and with him? The goal for which they died, the goal of a world free from the curse of war, has not been realized. Men of the Old YD! Our objective has not been reached, and today, as on that afternoon below Chateau-Thierry, the command is forward! Carry on!

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

Two business sessions of the legislative body of the YD Veterans Association were held at the Worcester Convention; one in the Industrial building at the Fair Grounds on Friday afternoon, June 26, the second in the main ball room of the Hotel Bancroft on Saturday morning, June 27. The Friday afternoon meeting was given over largely to preliminary business, such as the reading of reports, etc.; the real business of the Convention being conducted at the Saturday morning session.

The surroundings of the Friday session, the enormous size of the building, the lack of any facilities for the arrangement of seats, etc., and the continuous din and tumult of the preparations for the clambake, each sound amplified to a bang or a roar by the concrete and steel of the building, made the conducting of the meeting extremely difficult. In contrast, the Saturday session, in the ball room of the Bancroft, with every seat taken, and scores standing around the walls, was high water mark in the annals of the Association for amount of interest displayed, for business-like efficiency, for intelligent discussion of important measures, for attendance, for results accomplished, and for lack of any bitterness of feeling, disorder or horse-play. Principal credit for this splendid meeting goes to two men, the National President, LEN MALONEY, who occupied the Chair, and the National Judge Advocate, C. BIRD KEACH, whose rulings and interpretations, particularly in rendering the report of the Committee on the new Constitution, evoked the outspoken admiration and applause of everyone, in their fairness, clarity and open mindedness.

The complete transcript of the proceedings of the meetings is printed in this number, with certain of the more important actions taken given articles to themselves.

THE WORCESTER CONVENTION

In some of the institutions for the mildly insane, a device employed (so we are told) to occupy the minds of the patients and direct their thoughts along orderly channels is to hand them a badly snarled ball of string with instructions to untangle the threads and bring forth a straightforward strand which runs without kinks or knots from one end to the other—from beginning to end.

The office of YANKEE DOINGS is not (as yet) an institution for the mildly insane. There have been times when the resemblance has been startling. It was announced by the Worcester Convention Committee that rooms had been reserved at such an institution for all members thereof for two weeks following the Convention, and a large supply of paper dolls and scissors requested. But your editor, for his part, asked only for a tangled ball of string. And he got it! His job of untangling it is laid before the unfeeling eyes of the public in the pages which follow.

Now we ask you, fellow reader, how would YOU like to sit down of a hot summer morning, face to face with the cold, blank stare of a typewriter, its four rows of grinning white teeth laughing in your face; and commence the task of grinding out the story—the whole story—and nothing but the story—of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, in Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 26, 27 and 28, 1936? You were there—most of you—could YOU tell all about it, paint a picture of its moments of seriousness and its hours of fun, its color and its noise, its Who's Who and what they did, its rank and file and what THEY did? Could you compress into a dozen pages of this little magazine what it took two metropolitan dailies a whole week to crowd into page after page of newsprint? Neither can your more or less humble reporter! But despite the hopelessness of the task, despite the fact that this is about the stickiest, gooiest morning of the summer to do any work, and despite the unsympathetic leers of this most miserable of all typewriters, he's going to try.

Every man sees his own Convention. We know one fella who never sees anything but the paper on his hotel room walls, like the bride who returned from a European honeymoon, and in reply to a query as to what she had seen, replied, "Ceilings". This fella makes it a religion to arrive at a Convention in a condition prohibitive of any degree of locomotion; he further makes it a religion to remain that way until the Convention is over. There are others to whom a Convention's success is measured entirely by the degree of noise and crush in the lobby of the main hotel or on the sidewalk just in front. They never venture further, and strangely enough always report that they had a great time. Then there are those who see more of a city in 72 hours than any native citizen has seen in his life time: they are on the move from start to finish apparently without needing sleep, first with this group of pals, then with that, a drink here, a bite to eat there, a song on a street corner, a reunion in a hotel room, and on to the next stop. And again there are the "pols", the birds actually steamed up over the "business" of a Convention, those on committees, candidates for office, those with a report to render or an address to make. And lastly there are the poor, hardworking bozoes who do the work: the Convention Committee. Their view of a Convention is much the same as a circus animal's view of the cash customers. And the simple little job lying before us is only to paint a composite picture of each man's Convention, so that it can truthfully be titled Everyman's Convention.

Well, let's start off with some facts. The Worcester Convention was the largest in point of attendance, in point of registration, of any yet held by the Yankee Division. This is not a carefree generality, but a fact based on actual figures. Heretofore the largest registration was approximately 1500. Worcester stopped at 3000 because they had prepared for only that many. Another five hundred were able to obtain the book of tickets to events and the Convention program, but—if we have the story right—the badges were all gone.

The Worcester Convention brought more YD men together—as predicted—than any event since the Division was discharged from active service. Conservative estimates run from 5000 to 8000.

It was undoubtedly and without exception the liveliest and noisiest on record. Three o'clock in the morning was no different from nine o'clock in the evening so far as the tireless cohorts were concerned. Songs still rang out to high Heaven from the street corners, the hotel lobbies and the windows of rooms. Only the restaurants and taverns were silent as the poor employees sought a few hours sleep before opening to the next day's milling throng.

It was the best organized, the best planned, and the best executed Convention from the standpoint of administration of any to date; and this is said without a mite of detraction from the high records of efficiency hung up by the Convention Committees which have gone before. Worcester was a "natural". It couldn't help but click. Take the location of the city at the population center of New England; take the fact that just a week or ten days before the Convention the bonus was paid; take the fact that during the year leading up to it the Y.D.V.A. had grown from an organization of scattered groups to a truly national body, unified in intent and purpose and in close contact throughout all its parts, due to an

administration of outstanding leadership. But even all of these lucky factors in its favor would have gone for naught had it not been that Worcester also was blessed with a central organization that knew how to organize—that had more tricks of publicity up its sleeve than a monkey has fleas;—an organization where each man was given his job and did it just a little bit better than anyone had a right to expect. Then take the city itself, the largest one in which a YD Convention has yet been held, if we except the 1931 Convention in Providence, which was only a one day affair, consisting of a business meeting and a banquet. Not only the largest, but laid out with one main stem, the magnificent Municipal Auditorium at one end, the central common and main hotel at the other. Worcester had everything in its favor, the time, the place, the location, the lay-out, even the weather, and above all, the fellas who knew how to put it across!

One more in this series of facts: men attending the Worcester Convention came from widely scattered places in greater numbers than ever before. New York City Chapter alone must have had fifty or sixty men there. At least ten came on from Washington. It seems as if every hamlet in New England was represented. Despite the fact that in Maine—the farthest away of any New England state—the Department Legion Convention was in progress, a delegation from Portland strong enough to cop the 1937 YD Convention was on hand with a toy cannon that made the night hours a continuous bedlam; and even from Lewiston, where the Maine Legion Convention was being held, came a handful of men whose loyalty to the YD came first and foremost.

As to finances, we can give you no accurate report at this time. A full statement will be published in a later issue. But of this we are quite certain: the Convention didn't go in the red. With $5,000.00 from the city of Worcester, $3,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 3,000 cash registrations, a program which must have grossed well over $1,500.00, considerable funds were in hand. Of course the outlay was big, too, and as stated above, no statistics are yet available, but the main object was most certainly accomplished, to give everybody the time of their lives.

So, leaving with you a panorama of mad hilarity, of milling crowds of joyous pals, filling the streets, the hotels, the restaurants for three days and three nights; of blaring bugles and throbbing drums, of flashing uniforms and flying colors; of a never ceasing din of firecrackers, toy cannons, shouts, songs; an ever fading and resurging mob of faces under blue berets, coolie hats, overseas caps; a continuous round of antic sport ranging from halting all trolley cars to wash the headlight with pail and mop to sitting in doorways holding one's head,—leaving all this as the composite picture of Everyman's Convention, we pass on to take up one phase after another in its turn, the serious, the spectacular, the impressive and the ridiculous, the gay and the solemn, of this, the YD's greatest Convention. —P.N.S.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

JUNE 26, 27, 28, 1936

FRIDAY SESSION

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association was called to order by the National President, LEONARD J. MALONEY, in the Industrial Building, Fair Grounds, Worcester, Massachusetts, at 1:53 P.M., Friday, June 26, 1936.

MEMBERSHIP CHECK

The Chair appointed Mr. WILLIAM W. THOMPSON of Bristol, Connecticut, to act as Sergeant-at-Arms, and instructed him to require all present to show their membership cards, which instructions were carried out. The Sergeant-at-Arms then retired to the entrance door where he subsequently admitted to the meeting only those having paid-up membership cards in their possession. At the opening of the meeting approximately one hundred members were present.

OPENING OF MEETING

The President asked everyone to stand in salute to the colors, followed by one full minute of silence in honor of the dead of the Division. Invocation was offered by the National Chaplain, Reverend Willard S. Smith, following which all were seated.

The President called upon the Secretary to read the official Call for the Convention and the Secretary complied. The official Call is appended below:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, as amended in the Amended Constitution of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, notice is hereby given that the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Association will be held in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 26, 27 and 28, 1936.

The legislative body of the Association will convene in said city of Worcester on June 26, 1936, at 1:30 P.M., in the Industrial Bldg., Fair Grounds, to consider any matter which may rightfully come before it.

Proposed revision of the Constitution will be brought before the Convention for its action.

Every member of the Association whose dues shall have been received prior to the convening of said session shall be entitled to one vote.

LEONARD J. MALONEY (M)
National President

PHILIP N. SANBORN (M)
National Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Chair announced the first order of business would be the reading of the minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Convention. He stated that this would take at least twenty minutes and that he would welcome a motion to dispense with the reading. On motion of JOSEPH C. KOLINSKY of Middletown, Connecticut, duly seconded it was

VOTED: that the reading of the minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Convention be omitted.

RESOLUTIONS

The Chair announced that all Resolutions would at this time be referred to the Resolutions Committee and named the following men to comprise such a committee: BENJAMIN P TMAN, Chairman; ROYAL K. HAYES, WILLIAM E. ROACH, DANIEL F. MORAN, J. H. PARKER, and GEORGE M. FRENCH.

The Chair then asked the Secretary to read the titles of the Resolutions already submitted, which was done and they were then turned over to Chairman PITMAN who announced a meeting of the Resolutions Committee in Room 109, Hotel Bancroft, at 7:00 P.M., Friday.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported verbally and very briefly stating that the President's report would cover the progress made during the past year so completely that the Secretary felt it was unnecessary to report at length.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was read by National Treasurer L. H. REDFIELD who commented at some length upon the figures and the interpretation which might be placed upon them as showing decided financial progress during the past year. It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the Treasurer's Annual Report be accepted as read and filed with the proceedings of the Convention.

(A copy of this report is filed with the records of this Convention, and is published in this issue of YANKEE DOINGS.)

See article: "Annual Report of the Treasurer"

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President stated that owing to the amount of noise and confusion in the building, he would not attempt to read his written report but would ask that it be printed in the next issue of YANKEE DOINGS. He did, however, make a verbal report covering briefly the progress made during his administration in organizing new Chapters throughout New England as well as in New York City and Newark, New Jersey.

(The full report of the President as printed in the August issue of YANKEE DOINGS is hereby made a part of these records and is to be filed herewith.)

See article: "Annual Report of the President"

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department President ALBERT W. HERMAN of Connecticut and Acting Department President DANIEL A. JONES of Worcester reported on the Department meetings held in their states during the past year and urged all other states to adopt the system of holding regular meetings of their Departments. Mr. Jones also requested that information as to Chapter meeting nights be published in advance so that members of one Chapter might visit other Chapters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The President reported, as a committee of one, that steps had been taken toward placing a memorial placque on the birthplace of General EDWARDS in Cleveland, Ohio, that the actual house had been destroyed, but that the site which it formerly occupied was now a part of a public mall and that negotiations are now in progress with the city of Cleveland for permission to erect the marker on the spot where the house formerly stood. He reported further that Mr. JAMES S. HURLEY, member of New York Chapter, had made several visits to Cleveland, and that two alternative designs for a marker are being prepared. It was regularly moved and seconded and

VOTED: that this report be accepted as a report of progress.

The President received much applause for this report.

At this point in the meeting, General CHARLES H. COLE and Colonel W. J. KEVILLE arrived and were escorted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the President's desk amid great applause from the members. The Chair called upon General COLE to report as Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate the lack of a monument on General EDWARDS' grave in Arlington National Cemetery. General COLE's report follows:

See article:" Monument for Grave of Gen. Edwards"

It was regularly moved, seconded and

VOTED: that this report be accepted and filed with the proceedings of this Convention.

It was moved by Dr. H. W. CROWELL of Lynn,

Massachusetts, that the recommendation made in the final paragraph of the report be carried out, namely, that if at the expiration of six months the executor of the will of General EDWARDS has not caused a monument to be erected, the Yankee Division Veterans Association commit itself to the raising of a fund for such a purpose and seek permission from the Arlington Cemetery Authorities for the erection of a monument on the grave. This motion was duly seconded.

Mr. THOMAS F. CROKAN of Springfield, Massachusetts, offered an amendment to the motion to the effect that in the event of action being taken by the Yankee Division Veterans Association at the end of six months, the same Committee be re-appointed to proceed. This amendment was duly seconded and accepted by Mr. CROWELL, thereby becoming an integral part of his motion. The motion was then put by the Chair and unanimously carried.

NEW CHARTERS

The President announced that although many new charters had been presented during the year at meetings in the towns where the Chapters had been formed, it had been impossible to make every presentation in that manner, owing to the fact that several of these new Chapters had been formed in recent weeks. He announced that if any representatives of the following Chapters were present, he would be pleased to present the charters at this time: Lewiston, Maine; Newark, New Jersey; Attleboro, Massachusetts; Plymouth, Massachusetts; Northampton, Massachusetts. The Lewiston charter was received by President WILLIAM E. ROACH, and the Newark charter by President THORNTON WEBSTER. No one was present at the meeting from the other three Chapters.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

The Chair announced that in accordance with the custom of other years, certain individuals had been recognized by the Association for their loyal work in its behalf and had been awarded the Divisional Certificate of Merit. He asked those present when their names were read to step forward and receive the Certificates, otherwise they would be mailed to them after the Convention by the National Secretary.

See article: "Certificates of Merit Awarded at Worcester Convention"

Several of the above persons were present and received their certificates amid the applause of the gathering. In each case an explanation was given of the particular act of service which was done to earn these awards.

On the motion of Mr. CROWELL of Lynn, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: that a Certificate of Merit be awarded to State Representative Michael J. Carroll of Lynn, for his work in making possible the legislative act authorizing cities and towns in Massachusetts to make Memoral day appropriations to Chapters of this Association.

NEW CONSTITUTION

The Chair announced that action on the proposed new Constitution as published in YANKEE DOINGS would be taken at the Saturday morning session, but that in order to have certain possible objections more thoroughly considered he would first refer it to a Constitutional Committee, which he proceeded to name as follows: Chairman, National Judge Advocate C. BIRD KEACH; Dr. CHESTER BROWN of Lynn; ALFRED M. E. MEYEROWITZ of Newark, New Jersey; National Historian RAYMOND B. KINCAID of Bristol, Connecticut; National Secretary PHILIP N. SANBORN of Boston; and President AUSTIN W. APPLEBY of Boston Chapter. Chairman KEACH announced that the Committee would meet at 8:00 P.M. in Room 512, Hotel Bancroft.

RECESS

The Chair announced a recess until 8:30 Saturday morning, June 27th, at which time the meeting would reconvene in the main ballroom of the Hotel Bancroft. Recess was declared at 3:30 P.M.

SATURDAY SESSION

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association reconvened on Saturday morning, June 27th at 9:30 P.M., in the main ballroom, Hotel Bancroft, Worcester, Massachusetts, with the National President, Major L. J. MALONEY presiding.

OPENING OF MEETING

All present stood in salute to the colors. Invocation was offered by the Reverend ROY WATERMAN of Portland, Maine, Chaplain of Portland Chapter, following which the Convention stood for thirty seconds in salute to the dead of the Division.

MEMBERSHIP CHECK

Mr. WILLIAM W. THOMPSON of Bristol, Connecticut, acted again as Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Chair appointed JOSEPH C. KOLINSKY to be Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. Both were stationed at the entrance to the hall and required those who entered to show their membership cards. The Chair also asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to pass through the rows of those already seated and require them to show their membership cards, which was carried out. The Chair instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to inform any person seeking entrance and found not to be in good standing that he might obtain a temporary membership card by paying his dues at the membership desk in the lobby of the hotel, upon which he might enter the hall.

GREETINGS FROM CITY AND CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted to the platform Acting Mayor Bennett of Worcester and Chairman GAUTHIER of the Convention Committee.

Acting Mayor Bennett extended to the Convention the welcome of the city of Worcester and expressed the hope that not only would everyone have a splendid Convention but that Worcester might see the Yankee Division often in the future. He paid a sincere tribute to the late Mayor Walter J. Cookson who had passed away less than three weeks ago before the opening of this Convention.

J. H. GAUTHIER, General Chairman of the Convention Committee, spoke very briefly, saying that eleven months work had gone in the preparation of the festivities for the three days and that if every Yankee Division man had a good time, he and his Committee would feel they had been amply rewarded.

The remarks of Acting Mayor Bennett and Chairman GAUTHIER were received with continued applause.

ATTENDANCE

At this point in the meeting approximately one hundred fifty members were present. No accurate count was taken at any time, as the Constitution provides that those present shall constitute a quorum. Later in the meeting every seat in the hall was taken, and nearly one hundred were standing around the sides of the hall.

RESOLUTIONS

The Chair called upon BENJAMIN PITMAN, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, to submit the report of his Committee, and suggested that action by the body be taken upon the report of the Committee on each Resolution in turn.

Resolution 1. Submitted by Worcester Chapter.

Resolved that veterans on the relief rolls of cities or towns be not removed from said rolls because of their receipt of the bonus. Report of Committee: In favor of adoption. It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the report of the Committee be accepted and the Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2. Submitted by THOMAS F. CROKAN, Treasurer of Springfield Chapter.

Resolved that the United States name a cruiser "The U. S. Veteran". Report of Committee: In favor of adoption. On motion of Dr. H. W. CROWELL, duly seconded, the report was accepted and the Resolution adopted.

Resolution 3. Submitted by ROYAL K. HAYES, National Americanization Officer, condemning the activities of the so-called "Black Legion". The Report of the Committee: In favor of adoption. It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the report of the Committee be accepted and the Resolution adopted.

Resolution 4. Submitted by Springfield Chapter.

Resolved that annual Chapter dues in all Chapters of this Association be three dollars, two dollars of which will go to the National Headquarters as National dues. Report of the Committee: That this Resolution be *not* adopted. In explanation of their adverse report, the Committee stated that the amount of Chapter dues should be left to the decision of each Chapter in accordance with its own local needs and requirements. It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the report of the Committeee be accepted and the Resolution be not adopted.

Resolution 5. Submitted by LEON F. DENIS of Fort Bliss, Texas, seeking changes in legislation covering the retirement for disabilities of enlisted men in the United States Army. Report of the Committee, that this Resolution be *not* adopted. In explanation of their adverse report, the Committee stated that it felt that this Resolution did not come within the scope of this Association, and that no action should be taken without a great deal more information, particularly in view of the fact that the Resolution as submitted indicated that it was a form letter sent to a great many different organizations, and not one brought before this Association in particular. It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the report of the Committee be accepted and this Resolution *not* adopted.

Resolution 6. Submitted by LEON F. DENIS, Fort Bliss, Texas, seeking to grant by legislation "double time" for over-seas service during the World War in computing years of service in the regular army. Report of the Committee: That this Resolution be *not* adopted for the same reasons stated in their report on Resolution 5. It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the report of the Committee be accepted and the Resolution *not* adopted.

Resolutions 7, 8, 9. Submitted respectively by the Department of Connecticut, Hartford Chapter, and New Haven Chapter; all three of which stated in different words the same object; namely, the condemnation of all institutions of higher learning advocating or tolerating anti-social, unpatriotic, and subversive activities among the faculty or student body. Resolutions Number Eight and Nine named certain of such institutions. Resolution Number Seven did not mention the name of any such institution. The report of the Committee on all these three Resolutions is filed in full with the proceedings of this Convention and a copy of said report is printed in this issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

See article: "Resolution Acted Upon at Worcester"

It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: without discussion that the report of the Committee be accepted and the substitute Resolution therein contained be adopted as the Convention's stand upon this subject.

Resolution 10. Submitted by ANTHONY J. ROCK of Boston, seeking the formation of organizations to be known as Sons of the Yankee Division Veterans Association and the Daughters of the Yankee Division Veterans Association. Report of Committee: In

favor of adoption. It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the report of the Committee be accepted and the Resolution adopted.

The entire written report of the Resolutions Committee upon all Resolutions together with the text of all Resolutions are filed with the proceedings of this Convention, and the text of all Resolutions together with the action thereon is published in the August, 1936 number of YANKEE DOINGS.

NEW CONSTITUTION

National Judge Advocate C. BIRD KEACH was called upon to report as Chairman of the Committee on the New Constitution. Mr. KEACH stated that his Committee had deemed it advisable to suggest alterations to certain sections of the proposed Constitution as previously published in YANKEE DOINGS and that he proposed to read to the body for its action only such parts as the Committee felt should be changed.

Mr. WILLIAM LORING, President of Wallingford Chapter, moved that the report of the Committee be accepted as the vote of the Convention without the reading of any part of the proposed New Constitution. The motion was not seconded. Dr. CROWELL of Lynn arose to object to any such procedure, stating that he felt the Convention certainly had a right to know what they were voting on. Mr. KEACH also stated it would be most distasteful to him to have the Convention vote blindly on the Committee report without hearing it. He was authorized by the Chair to proceed.

At this point O. P. BENTON, President of the Portland Chapter, arose to ask what was the oldest Chapter in the Association. The request was ruled out of order by the Chair as not pertaining to the business at hand.

The changes suggested in the proposed New Constitution by the Constitution Committee were briefly as follows:

Article VI, Section 3: eliminate first line and a half. Section to read "No chapter shall grant . . ."

Article VII, Section 1 to be eliminated.

Article VII, Section 4, 5 and 6 having to do with Honorary and Associate memberships to be eliminated and a substitute Section authorizing the award of Certificates of Merit to be inserted.

Article VIII, Sections 4 and 5 having to do with voting franchise at a National Convention to be stricken out and the right of franchise to continue as under the Old Constitution.

Article XII, Section 1: the words "ex officio" to be stricken out.

Article XIV, Section 1: the words "and other members of the National Executive Committee" be inserted following the words "National Officers".

Article XV, Section 1, line 5: the words "ex officio" to be eliminated.

Article XVI, Section 4 to be stricken out.

The other provisions of the New Constitution were approved by the Committee and their adoption recommended.

The only recommendation of the Committee which aroused any discussion was Article VI, Section 3, forbidding any Chapter to grant active membership to any person whose National dues are unpaid. On this provision Mr. HARRY BLOCK of Worcester Chapter and President EMILE THIBAULT of Salem Chapter felt that Chapters should be permitted to accept Chapter members without requiring them to pay National dues. Dr. CROWELL of Lynn Chapter and Mr. ADRIEN of Lynn Chapter spoke on the opposite side, in favor of this regulation.

Mr. JOSEPH CIPRIANO of Boston Chapter asked information as to whether this provision made it compulsory for a local Chapter to accept as a member any man upon payment of National dues. He was informed that it did not. One other provision as recommended by the Committee aroused a little discussion. Mr. JOHN J. MAGUIRE stated it as his opinion that if Honorary Membership was to be abolished all Honorary Memberships heretofore granted should be rescinded. He did not make this in the form of a motion and there seemed to be no other sentiment in sympathy with his, several speaking in opposition to his suggestion.

Each recommendation of the Constitution Committee was acted upon in turn and, without exception, each was accepted.

The Chair then put the question of the acceptance of the entire report. It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the report of the Constitution Committee be accepted.

The Secretary arose for a point of information asking the Judge Advocate, through the Chair, whether or not the Convention was now operating under the New Constitution. The Judge Advocate replied that acceptance of the report was not ratification of the Constitution. Whereupon the Chair asked for a motion for adoption.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED, SECONDED AND

VOTED: THAT THE NEW CONSTITUTION, SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRINTED IN "YANKEE DOINGS", BUT INCLUDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE AS ALREADY ACCEPTED, BE ADOPTED, TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. UPON DECLARATION OF THE VOTE THE JUDGE ADVOCATE RULED THAT THE CONVENTION WAS NOW OPERATING UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that a complete and accurate copy of the New Constitution be printed in the August, 1936 issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

(A copy of this issue is hereby made a part of these records.)

See article: "Constitution of YD Veterans Association"

GIFTS PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

At this point in the meeting, the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted to the platform Mrs. L. J. Maloney, wife of the National President, and two ladies of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Homer J. Wheaton Post, V.F.W. In a pleasing brief speech one of the two ladies presented a gift to the National President and the other a gift to Mrs. Maloney, each of whom responded briefly.

CHOICE OF CITY FOR EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The President called upon the Secretary to read invitations received from cities desiring to be host to the Association at its Eighteenth Annual Convention in June, 1937.

The Secretary responded stating that the only invitation received which complied with the regulations adopted at the Twelfth Annual Convention in Providence, Rhode Island in 1931 was that from Portland, Maine. He proceeded to read the invitation from the Portland Chapter and letters of endorsement from Governor Brann of Maine, the City Manager of Portland, and the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The invitation from Portland Chapter stated that no effort had been made to secure the approval of other veteran organizations in the city, pending information as to the reasons for this requirement. The Secretary asked permission from the Chair to furnish this information. Permission was granted, and the Secretary informed the Portland delegation that the reason for this requirement was simply to insure the co-operation of other veteran groups. Mr. BENTON, President of the Portland Chapter, stated that the Portland Chapter had the assurance of such co-operation.

It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the invitation of the Portland Chapter be accepted, and that the Eighteenth Annual Convention be held in Portland, Maine, in June, 1937, the exact date to be settled in a conference between the National Executive Committee and the Portland Chapter.

See article: "Portland in 1937"

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chair called upon GEORGE M. FRENCH of Nashua, New Hampshire, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to report for his Committee. Chairman FRENCH reported as follows:

Your Nominating Committee respectfully submits the names of the following members as candidates for the office named, at the Annual Election to be held at the Seventeenth Annual Convention in Worcester, Mass., on Saturday, June 27, 1936:

For National President:

ALBERT W. HERMAN (102nd Inf.), East Norwalk, Conn. (Norwalk Chapter)

For National Chaplain:

The Reverend OSIAS BOUCHER (101st Inf.), Fall River, Mass. (Member-at-Large)

For National Treasurer:

L. H. REDFIELD (101st Engrs.), Boston, Mass. (Boston Chapter)

For National Vice President for Maine:

FLETCHER B. LONG (101st Mil. Pol.), So. Portland, Me. (Portland Chapter)

For National Vice President for New Hampshire:

EARLE L. WILLIAMS (103rd F. A.), Nashua, N. H. (Nashua Chapter)

For National Vice President for Vermont:

ARTHUR M. FOOTE (102nd Inf.), Center Rutland, Vt. (Rutland Chapter)

For National Vice President for Massachusetts:

A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE (101st F. A.), Lynn, Mass. (Lynn Chapter)

For National Vice President for Rhode Island:

No nomination made. To be made by twenty or more *members* in Rhode Island, seven days before Convention.

For National Vice President for Connecticut:

WILLIAM W. THOMPSON (102nd Inf.), Bristol, Conn. (Bristol Chapter)

For National Vice President of Seventh Department (Outside New England) :

WALTER D. CROWELL (101st Inf.), Evanston, Ill. (Chicago Chapter)

For National Historian:

RAYMOND B. KINCAID (102nd M. G. Bn.), New Britain, Conn. (Bristol Chapter)

For National Judge Advocate:

C. BIRD KEACH (103rd F. A.), Providence, R. I. (Rhode Island Chapter)

For National Sgt.-at-Arms:

DENNIS BRUNTON (101st Engrs.), Springfield, Mass. (Springfield Chapter)

For National Americanization Officer:

ROYAL K. HAYES (Hq., 51st F. A. Brig.), Lowell, Mass. (Lowell Chapter)

For National Service Officer:

ERNEST C. PARENT (104th Inf.), Worcester, Mass. (Worcester Chapter)

For Additional Members of National Executive Committee: Three to be elected—

GEORGE M. FRENCH (104th Inf.), Nashua, N. H. (Nashua Chapter)

JAMES S. HURLEY (102nd Inf.), New York, N. Y. (New York Chapter)

WARREN F. FREEMAN, JR. (102nd M. G. Bn.), Boston, Mass. (Boston Chapter)

These nominations are subject to the acceptance of the nominees.

The following is an excerpt from the Constitution of the Y.D.V.A.: Article VIII, Section 2—Any other members of this Association shall be eligible for election to office in the Association if their names shall

be presented to Headquarters of the Association endorsed in writing by at least twenty members of the Association. Said nominations to be filed at Headquarters at least seven days prior to the Annual Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE,

GEORGE M. FRENCH, Chm., Nashua, N. H.
LEON W. VARNUM, Lynn, Mass.
JOSEPH C. KOLINSKY, Middletown, Conn.
A. LEROY LATHAM, Brockton, Mass.
JAMES MORRELL, Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. VICTOR A. E. ERICKSON of Portland Chapter asked that the name of FLETCHER B. LONG, the Committee's candidate for National Vice President for Maine, be withdrawn and the name of ELTON P. WALKER be substituted, inasmuch as Mr. LONG had recently lost his job and was no longer in a position to carry out the duties of the office which would require him to travel throughout the state.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as the Constitution prohibits nominations from the floor. It was then moved by JOHN J. MAGUIRE that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted with the exception of the nomination of Mr. LONG. The Secretary arose to inquire whether Mr. LONG himself desired his name withdrawn by the Portland delegation and was informed that he did. Mr. MAGUIRE's motion was then seconded and so VOTED.

On motion of Mr. BARNARD of Boston, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: that the Secretary cast one ballot for the entire slate of Officers as nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Secretary cast one ballot and the Chair announced the result of the election, declaring the Offices of Vice President for Maine and Vice President for Rhode Island vacant. The Chair further stated that the right to fill these Offices by appointment was vested in the National Executive Committee by the Constitution, but that the Convention itself was the supreme body and had the right to instruct the Executive Committee.

Mr. ERICKSON of Portland placed before the Convention the name of ELTON P. WALKER of Portland for appointment to the vacancy in the Office of Vice President for Maine. It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that Mr. WALKER be so appointed.

Mr. GEORGE NOURSE of Boston placed before the Convention for appointment as Vice President for Rhode Island the name of CHARLES STEEN of Providence. Some question arose as to the propriety of a Massachusetts man suggesting the name for a Rhode Island appointment, and Mr. NOURSE's motion was not seconded.

Mr. SALAFIA of Rhode Island placed before the Convention for appointment as Vice President of Rhode Island the name of Colonel WILLIAM T. MULCAHY, which was seconded by National Judge Advocate C. BIRD KEACH, and by vote of the Convention, Colonel MULCAHY was unanimously APPOINTED.

The Chair then read the names of all Officers elected and appointed to serve for the coming year and turned the gavel over to National President-Elect, ALBERT W. HERMAN, amid tremendous applause from the floor.

Mr. HERMAN, considerably choked and overcome by emotion, thanked the members for the trust reposed in him, and promised his utmost efforts to build a still greater Association. He returned the gavel to the National President.

The names of all National Officers elected and appointed are printed in the August issue of YANKEE DOINGS and are hereby named a part of the records of this Convention.

See article: "Election of Officers"

GOOD OF THE YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

At this point in the meeting, the following were present upon the Chairman's platform in addition to the presiding Officer and other National Officers: all National Officers-Elect who were present at the meeting; Past National President ARTHUR T. GOOD; General JOHN H. SHERBURNE; General JAMES A. HAGGERTY; Colonel JOHN HENRY PARKER; Reverend GEORGE S. L. CONNOR; Reverend OSIAS BOUCHER; Congressman WILLIAM P. CONNERY, JR. and many Past National Officers.

WARREN C. KING of Portland, Honorary member of this Association, was escorted to the platform where he presented the President with a collection of framed photographs of General EDWARDS and Mrs. Edwards, which were received with a kindly speech of gratitude.

Mr. THORNTON WEBSTER, President of New Jersey, arose to express the greetings of the youngest Chapter in the Association.

The President then read again the names of those to whom the Divisional Certificates of Merit had been awarded but who were not present at Friday's meeting to receive them. Several others stepped forward and amid the applause of the Convention received this award. It was announced that all who were not present at either of the meetings would have the Certificates mailed to them.

Congressman CONNERY evoked a burst of applause as he was called upon to speak. He told of the success of the Bill which he himself had introduced in Congress to grant the Distinguished Service Medal to the late Gen. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS, and announced to the Convention that the presentation would take place following this afternoon's parade at Tech Field, where the medal would be presented to Mr. Hurd, cousin of General EDWARDS.

Congressman CONNERY hereupon presented to the Association, through its National President, the pens with which President Roosevelt, Vice President Garner, and the late Speaker Byrns had signed the Bill. He called attention to the fact that this was

the last Bill signed by Speaker Byrns before his sudden death. Mr. CONNERY concluded by telling one or two of his inimitable anecdotes.

The Chair apologized for not calling upon each of the distinguished members and guests upon the platform, stating that time was growing short and the afternoon parade would soon be forming. He did, however, call upon the National Chaplain-elect, Father BOUCHER, who delivered a most gracious and sincere address of thanks to the men for remembering him with election to his high office.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

Closing benediction was pronounced by Reverend GEORGE S. L. CONNOR of Springfield, following which the Chair announced that the Convention stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair. (The reason for recessing rather than adjournment is that the Constitution states a President's term of office expires with the adjournment of the Annual Convention, and it has been the custom in previous years for the President to be in Office until all Convention events are completed.)

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association automatically adjourned, without meeting, at midnight June 28, 1936.

—PHILIP N. SANBORN, *Sec.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Following is the Annual Report of the National Treasurer, of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, as rendered by Treasurer L. H. REDFIELD to the Seventeenth Annual Convention, from figures compiled by auditor JOSEPH J. GALLIGAN, Treasurer of the YD Club of Boston:

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS OF MARCH 31, 1936

ASSETS

Cash		$ 111.94
Savings Bank Deposit		27.97
Life Membership Investment Fund		250.00
Interest Accrued on L.M.I. Fund		9.63
Accounts Receivable		92.15
Prepaid Expense		80.94
Total Current Assets		572.63
Office Equipment	$260.50	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	230.86	29.64
YD Overseas Memorial, Inc., Fund		144.72
Total Assets		746.99
Deficit		1,381.25
Total		$2,128.24

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 401.52
Rent Payable	100.00
Loans Payable	250.00
L. H. Redfield—Special	29.50
Total Liabilities	781.02
Reserve for Life Memb. Inv. Fund	250.00
Reserve for Membership Dues Prepaid	952.50
Reserve for YD Overseas Mem., Inc. Fund	144.72
Total	$2,128.24

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1936

INCOME		$5,880.12
EXPENSE		6,369.18
NET LOSS FROM OPERATIONS		$489.06

Note: See below for itemized lists.

INCOME

Membership Dues		$3,996.00
Christmas Cards		213.24
1934	$ 14.59	
1935	198.65	
Advertising Income—"Yankee Doings"		714.55
Subscriptions		16.00
Sales		10.25
Interest		1.09
Contributions		145.63
Miscellaneous Income*		783.36
Total Income		$5,880.12

*$750.00 of this amount was a Donation from the 1935 Convention Committee.

EXPENSE

"Yankee Doings" Expense		$2,523.64
Printing	$2,265.37	
Wrappers	56.17	
Addressing Wrappers	12.50	
Wrapping	43.70	
Postage	129.46	
Expressage	8.19	
Miscellaneous	8.25	
Advertising Commissions		233.53

Salaries & Wages	2,171.63	
National Secretary & Editor	2,093.33	
Clerical Assistance	78.30	
Rent	600.00	
Depreciation of Office Equipment	26.05	
Membership Expense	282.69	
Traveling Expense	34.55	
Office Expense	69.66	
Administrative Expense	82.07	
Stationery & Printing	86.35	
Postage	120.40	
Telephone	30.67	
Bank Charges	12.43	
Cost of Sales (Sales Expense)	5.56	
Loss on Bad Debts	15.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	74.95	
Total Expense		$6,369.18

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, APRIL 1, 1936

Rapid Service Press	$312.87	
Reeder Press	50.00	
J. A. Lowell Bank Note Co.	38.65	
Total		$401.52

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, APRIL 1, 1936

Parkville Coal Co.	$ 2.50	
Hazel Young Cafeteria	2.50	
Moran's	2.50	
George B. Fisher Co.	2.50	
Michael A. Connor Co.	2.50	
Albert Carocci	15.00	
N. T. Bushnell Co.	15.00	
YD Club of Portland, Me.	1.00	
Christmas Cards, 1935	48.65	
Total		$92.15

PREPAID EXPENSE, APRIL 1, 1936

On Hand at U. S. Postoffice for "Yankee Doings"	$ 2.54	
Postage for Due Bills, Year 1936/1937	30.90	
Printed Forms On Hand	47.50	
Total		$80.94

RENT PAYABLE, APRIL 1, 1936

YD Club of Boston $100.00

This item represents amount due to the YD Club of Boston for rent for February and March, 1936.

LOANS PAYABLE, APRIL 1, 1936

Y.D.V.A. Life Membership Fund $250.00

This represents an amount borrowed from the Life Membership Investment Fund two years ago by authority of National Executive Committee.

CASH RECONCILIATION AS OF MARCH 31, 1936

Balance per Bank Statement	$78.49	
Deposit of March 31, 1936 credited in April	52.58	
	131.07	
Checks Outstanding:		
No. 909	$ 2.00	
No. 910	17.13	19.13
Balance per Check Book		$111.94
Balance per General Ledger		111.94

CASH RECONCILIATION AS OF MAY 31, 1936

Balance per Bank Statement	$787.23	
Deposit of May 29, 1936 credited in June	224.00	
	1,011.23	
Checks Outstanding		
No. 909	$ 2.00	
No. 950	18.00	
No. 953	3.00	
No. 955	5.75	
No. 956	3.00	
No. 957	18.00	49.75
Balance per Check Book		$961.48
Balance per General Ledger		961.48

RESERVE FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES PREPAID AS OF MARCH 31, 1936

Reserve for Membership Dues Prepaid, per General Ledger			$952.50
No. 3000 Series Paid to 1938	2 members	$ 4.00	
No. 3000 Series Paid to 1937	31 members	62.00	
No. 5000 Series Paid to 1937	433 members	866.00	
Paid on account:			20.50
8 @ $1.00		$ 8.00	
25 @ .50		12.50	
			$952.50

MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31, 1936

2005 Paying Members for Year 1935/36 $3,996.00

MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 21, 1936

2262 Paying Members for Year 1936/37 $4,526.00

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES APRIL 1, 1936 TO MAY 31, 1936, INCL.

Cash Balance—Active Bank Account—March 31, 1936		$111.94
Cash Receipts:		
Membership Dues	$2,241.50	
Sales	2.00	
Christmas Cards, 1935	1.35	
Contributions	90.58	
Subscriptions	4.00	
Accounts Receivable	91.15	

Bad Check Redeemed	2.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	20.90	
Charters $18.50		
Refund on "Salaries—Other" 2.40		2,453.48
		2,565.42
Cash Disbursements:		
Salaries & Wages	$469.27	
Postage	49.19	
"Yankee Doings" Expense	370.57	
Office Expense	32.79	
Membership Expense	56.00	
Rent—April, 1936	50.00	
Full settlement of old Metcalf account	130.00	
Accounts Payable	312.87	
Rent Payable	100.00	
Bad Check (See above—redeemed)	2.00	
Check entered for collection	3.00	
Traveling Expense	12.25	
Telephone	5.95	
Administrative Expense	4.25	
Bank Charges	3.80	
Miscellaneous Expense	2.00	
Membership card donated		1,603.94
Cash Balance—Active Bank Account—May 31, 1936		$ 961.48

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. REDFIELD,
National Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

In submitting this, the customary Annual Report of the President's activities, I wish to thank those stalwarts of the old YD who gave so freely and so unselfishly of their time in helping me to carry to fruition the plan outlined for you in the August number of DOINGS. If "YD" has taken on a more hallowed meaning, if chapters have sprung up where none existed before, if dormant chapters have shown renewed life and if we have grown stronger in membership and more proud of our association it is because of the untiring efforts of my associates. To those state and national officers who traveled thousands of miles to spread the gospel of YD and to those loyal chapter officers and members who took up the torch, I am deeply grateful. I trust you have been repaid, as I have, in the satisfaction that comes with having given one's best. The Yankee Division Veterans Association is stronger today than it was a year ago. God willing it will be still stronger a year hence. The seed has been sown in many sectors and these seeds will bear fruit. All that is needed is that willingness to sacrifice a little time and money in order that all those eligible to our ranks may be advised of the many things they are missing.

In June of last year when the writer took over the reins there were 33 chapters, several of which were inactive and in danger of losing their charters. As of this report there are 46 chapters, which, with few exceptions are meeting regularly and thriving. Chapters have been organized in Lewiston, Me., Willimantic, Conn., New York, N. Y., Newark, N. J., and Attleboro, Clinton, Fitchburg, Lawrence, Lowell, Milford, Natick, New Bedford, Northampton, Plymouth, Salem, Webster-Dudley, Mass. In Massachusetts, Attleboro, Natick, Northampton and Plymouth have not yet completed all the formalities connected with the issuance of their respective charters but will likely do so in the very near future.

We seem to have lost two chapters, one at Waterville, Me., which was in fact not in operation last year, and one at Providence, R. I.

Frank discussion of the situation as we viewed it is necessary if those who succeed this regime in office are to go forward intelligently and immediately toward the further development of the Y.D.V.A. It would be a great pity if the new officers had to waste time unearthing those facts that are already known. We will speak straight from the shoulder, therefore, knowing full well that a real YD man will find nothing personal in our remarks and not caring a tinker's damn what others than real YD men may think.

MAINE

The outlook in Maine is better than it was a year ago but there is still much to be done. We stand even so far as chapters are concerned having gained one at Lewiston to replace the one apparently lost at Waterville. Augusta failed to make good on a promise to give us a chapter this year but it is hoped they will come through in 1936-1937. Missionary work has been done in Houlton and if someone will only take the initiative we should have a chapter in the "Potato Country" next year. The organization of a State Department in Maine is highly essential and is urgently recommended. Too much attention to the local YD club and neglect of the national body is not healthy. Local YD clubs are rarely ever heard of beyond their own doors. The Los Angeles Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. is better known to YD men in general than the Podunk YD Club. There are honest-to-goodness YD men in Maine who want to see the national organization grow in their state. To them we say "Pick up the torch, fellows, and get going. Gather the YD men together in groups

and outline the aims and objectives of the Y.D.V.A. Charters will be forthcoming. We, personally have not a single failure in 29 tries."

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The status is very much "quo" in New Hampshire. We haven't lost ground—nor have we gained to any extent. Signs of renewed interest in the national association were in evidence in New Hampshire during the latter part of our regime. No New Hampshire chapter has a large enough representation in the Y.D.V.A. Here again the organization of a state department will go a long way toward bringing the unity that must precede development. Several old timers in this state are responsible for keeping the Y.D.V.A. alive. We look to them to muster the aides-de-camp necessary to put New Hampshire definitely and permanently on the YD map.

VERMONT

The Green Mountain State had one chapter last year and it has one this year. Although Vermont was a convention state a few years ago, it has never seemed to catch the spark of enthusiasm so vital to the growth of this fine outfit of ours. Burlington, Bennington and Montpelier are ripe for charters, yet no one seems interested enough to help them get going. Rutland—with its "baker's dozen" of affiliated members is the only claim this New England State has to membership in New England's own divisional veterans' organization.

RHODE ISLAND

Just what to say about Rhode Island has us stumped. All the expletives in our vocabulary have long since been used up. We exhausted the supply when our letters and our phone calls went unanswered, and when our visits proved unproductive. Only the Rhode Island YD men can straighten out the situation in Rhode Island. Nothing national headquarters nor their YD buddies in other states can do will bring Little Rhody into line. We cannot believe YD men in Providence, Pawtucket, Westerly and the other towns want to hold themselves aloof. It behooves those who hold themselves above the old division, who would sacrifice their buddies rather than have thwarted their own selfish objectives, to snap out of it. Or at least step aside and let REAL YD men function. Our recommendation is that YD men in Rhode Island who are interested in our national association band themselves together in their respective towns and make application to national headquarters for charters.

MASSACHUSETTS

Hail, Massachusetts! The old Bay State has come through gloriously this year. We salute WIN LLOYD, CHARLIE DAILEY, DAN JONES, JOHN KING, AUSTIN APPLEBY, PHIL SANBORN and LEA REDFIELD for giving us so many new chapters. We salute those who organized the Massachusetts State Department and all those who journeyed from town to town to help us present charters and install officers. Your work put Massachusetts right where it belongs—in the lead in YD membership. Only in the extreme western end of the state have we been unable to properly enthuse the lads in those cities where we should have chapters. But Massachusetts is YD-conscious again and we look for a score more chapters there this coming year. Some of the chapters most recently organized have not yet completed the details required for their charters. We believe the Worcester convention will spur them on to finish the job. Certainly the great job done by the Worcester gang should inspire YD men to bigger and better things. Only through the year-around functioning of a strong national organization can we secure the sustained interest that is necessary to insure the success of our annual gatherings. And these reunions will grow bigger and better only if our national association grows bigger and better. And so we urge Northampton, Natick, Attleboro and Plymouth to perfect their respective charters and become active members of our happy, nation-wide family.

Of Lowell, Webster-Dudley, Milford, Fitchburg, New Bedford, Lawrence and Clinton we ask active interest in YD affairs. We urge you to meet regularly, conduct your meetings with form and dignity and plan a program of activities in which all your members may participate. Do things in the name of YD for your community, be good citizens as well as good fellows. Put YD back where it was in 1917-1918—first in the hearts of the people of New England.

CONNECTICUT

YD is on the map in Connecticut to stay. So long as YD men survive there will be a Yankee Division Veterans Association in Connecticut. If all other chapters in the land tumble into the limbo, Connecticut will continue to "Carry On". We say this with the confidence that comes from close contact over a two-year period with the fine chaps who have devoted themselves to the growth and development of the Y.D.V.A. in our state. We say it because we know our 16 chapters function smoothly and well, because our state department is well organized and attracts to its monthly meetings a steadily growing attendance. We have organized but one chapter in Connecticut this year—the one at Willimantic but that is because we paused to take stock of what we had after the mushroom growth of the year before. We know now where chapters should be consolidated, where new ones should be established and we'll have 'em. Check the standing of Connecticut chapters against their standing of a year ago. In the result of your check you will find the answer to the question of whether or not Connecticut's growth was a flash in the pan.

THE DEPARTMENT AT LARGE

Outside New England's borders live some of our finest chapters. In Los Angeles, Washington, Chi-

cago, Newark and New York City, YD men have banded themselves together into chapters of which every YD man should be proud. Unfortunately our inability to get the required leave of absence prevented our visiting our furthest outpost—the Los Angeles Chapter. We visited every other one, however, and returned home resolved to spread among YD men in New England the word of how deep is the love of these men in the far places for the old YD, to tell of the manner in which they prize the heritage that comes to them from our common service; how they are willing to make every sacrifice in order to carry on the traditions of the YD. Your YD man in Los Angeles, New York, Newark, Chicago and Washington has to make real sacrifices in order to attend a meeting. More often than not he must come a great distance and many have to stay over night. But they do it and get a whale of a kick out of doing it. They have taken seriously that admonishment—that command—you heard so frequently from "Daddy" EDWARDS—"Carry On".

SUMMARY

Our activities of the past year may be summarized as follows: 68 official visits to 41 chapters; 10 visits to the Connecticut State Department and one to the Massachusetts State Department and attendance at 11 national executive committee meetings; represented the Y.D.V.A. at 28 civic, veteran and social affairs staged by other than YD groups; found time to attend 22 out of 24 meetings of our own chapter. We have kept contact with New England's legislators on all legislation affecting New England or our comrades. It has been a most interesting year and we regret exceedingly that our means did not permit our accepting the renomination so kindly offered by the nominating committee. It has been a busy year and not all fun, yet we loved every minute of it—even the long drives through blustery Vermont blizzards and blinding New England storms.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that all chapters meet at least once each month; that all meetings be conducted with form and dignity and the recommended ritual used; that all YD chapters turn out as such with their own colors on at least one public occasion annually, either Memorial Day, Armistice Day or some other holiday—that every chapter plan and carry out a program of activities for the ensuing year and each successive year; that each chapter fix one major objective for the year such as the construction of a playground, wading pool or swimming pool; the care of under-privileged children; Americanization work among alien adults; that chapters be represented at every state and district meeting and that departments be organized without delay in all states that do not have them; that members of the national executive committee pledge themselves to attend all meetings called by the national president; that membership in local YD Clubs be less stressed and more attention paid to the national affiliation; that every effort be made to have our association recognized by the powers-that-be in Washington in order that our service officers may have the same standing at veterans hospitals as the representatives of other organizations; that every YD man repeat at least 365 times during the next year the following "The YDVA? Hell, man, that's MY organization. It's a living memorial to that Grand Old Man, Daddy Edwards. He told us to 'Carry on' and, hell's bells and feather dusters, that's exactly what I'm doing."

Thanks a lot, fellows, for everything. We are not dropping out of the picture. As soon as we have had a much needed rest you will find us behind the new administration. Carry on!

LEN MALONEY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

Mr. President, National Officers, and members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association:

In making my first report to you, I want to assure you that it has been an honor and a pleasure to have been so associated in this office. My tenure in office has not been for the full year, due to the fact that said office was not considered until late in October, 1935.

My first intention was to compile the history in the manner of a scrap book. That is to say—clipping all the pertinent items relative to our activities, and such of the newspaper activities as would be of importance, and pasting them in the scrap book. I managed to secure numerous items from various newspapers, but found after a short time that unless the several persons responsible for the publicity of their chapters, submitted such of these items to me, my history would be incomplete. I therefore abandoned that idea, and cast about for some more flexible method.

My search ended however at New Haven, Conn., last Sunday when I secured a copy of the Souvenir Official Dedication Book, of the Gen. Clarence R. Edwards Bridge, as sponsored by the Lynn YD Club. I was much impressed by the brief history of "How the 26th fought its Way to Fame". It appealed to me that our History should be brief, concise and to the point, embracing information pertaining to the accomplishments and the welfare of our association. I believe that it is necessary however, for those responsible for news items, to be positively certain that activities worth the mention be incorporated in the issues of YANKEE DOINGS. I hope that in the next year that more interest will be taken by the other

states, and by the other states I mean Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island. My perusal of this year's issues of our paper showed considerable inactivity in the states mentioned, and it is my hope that more news will come from these sources.

With the paragraphic idea in mind, such as was used in the Gen. Edwards Memorial Bridge Program, I beg leave of our Honorable President, to revamp my past year's work, and carry on with my new idea. I think it will make a better history and if the time ever comes when we wish to have the same printed, it will be much more economical, and in better form.

In closing I want to compliment our Pres. LEONARD J. MALONEY, PHIL SANBORN, LEA REDFIELD, and all the National Officers on their splendid showing for the past year, and assure them that it has been a pleasure to have been associated with them. I think that the New Officers for 1936-37 can also be assured of the same YD co-operation.

I present, herewith, my report for your approval.

RAYMOND B. KINCAID,
National Historian.

MONUMENT FOR GRAVE OF GENERAL EDWARDS IN ARLINGTON CEMETERY

The following report was submitted to the Seventeenth Annual Convention as recorded in the official proceedings thereof. A record of the action taken thereon, namely its acceptance, including the recommendations, will be found in the Proceedings.

To the Members of the YD Veterans Association:

Your Committee appointed by the National President under authority conferred upon him by vote of the 1935 New Haven Convention for the purpose of making a report of facts concerning the lack of a monument on the grave of General EDWARDS, in Arlington National Cemetery, respectfully submits the following report:

General Edwards died in 1931. His will was probated in Norfolk County, Mass. After making six specific legacies to various relatives, charities and friends, Gen. Edwards in the ninth clause of his will directed his executor to place a marker on his grave at the Arlington National Cemetery and authorized the expenditure of a sum not exceeding $5,000 for the purpose. The residue of the estate was left to the next of kin.

The Committee has held several meetings, has interviewed and corresponded with Colonel John W. Hyatt, the executor, and with his attorney, Mr. James E. Carroll, and has brought the facts to the attention of the residuary legatee. The situation appears to be as follows:

The principal asset in General Edwards' estate was the stock of the Edwards Grocery Company of Cleveland, Ohio. The administration of the estate has been conducted at a time when all securities have been greatly depreciated. The executor has realized sufficient funds from the sale of real estate and other securities to pay charges, to pay 75% of the specific legacies in cash, and the remainder in stock, but has not yet been able to sell the balance of the stock of the Edwards Company, and until this can be done there will be no money in the estate to pay for the marker.

The executor, Colonel Hyatt, assumes full responsibility for carrying out General Edwards' wishes as expressed by his will for the erection of an appropriate marker. He states that he is making efforts to sell the stock of the Edwards Company and that as soon as such sale is consummated he will see that the marker is erected. He takes the position that outside interference is not welcome.

Your Committee is advised that the provision in General Edwards' will for the erection of the marker takes priority to the provisions for the payment of any legacies and that the cash available should have been used for the erection of such marker before the payments of these legacies. Your Committee is also advised, however, that it has no legal status to intervene in the probate proceedings. The Committee has no way of ascertaining what the possibilities are for the sale of the Edwards Company stock or the value of such stock, but are advised that such stock has actual value.

Under the circumstances the Committee, being without power, can only report the facts.

Your Committee is united in the sentiment which it is believed all Y.D. Veterans approve that speedy action should be taken to mark the last resting place of our commander. It has expressed this sentiment to those responsible. The Committee recommends that if action is not taken by the executor within the next six months, a fund be raised among the Y.D. Veterans and an appropriate marker be erected by the Y.D.V.A.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Signed in Separate copies by:

CHARLES H. COLE, *Chairman*
JOHN H. SHERBURNE
JOHN C. LEGGAT
WILLIAM J. KEVILLE
C. BIRD KEACH
GEORGE S. SIMONDS
RAYMOND J. QUEENIN

For the Committee

PHILIP N. SANBORN,
Secretary to the Committee.

CONSTITUTION
of the
YANKEE DIVISION
VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The following Constitution of the Yankee Division Veterans Association was adopted at the Seventeenth Annual Convention in Worcester, and is now in effect.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the Association shall be Yankee Division Veterans Association.

ARTICLE II
SEAL

The seal of the Association shall be a circular die with the symbol YD placed in the center thereof, with the words Yankee Division Veterans Association on the circumference.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE

The purpose and object of this Association shall be to perpetuate the memories of active service of the 26th Division, U. S. Army, in the World War; to promote fraternity and mutual helpfulness among its members; to aid and assist all former members of the Division, their wives, children and other dependents in every possible manner and particularly in the settlement of all difficulties with the government arising as the result of military service; and to do any and all other things which may from time to time appear advisable for the welfare and closer relationship of the veterans of the 26th Division.

ARTICLE IV
ORGANIZATION

Section 1. In commemoration of the birthplace of the 26th Division, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS of this Association shall be permanently located in Boston, Massachusetts, and shall be designated as NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS or P.C. PAS FINI.

Section 2. This Association shall be comprised primarily of its individual members, but shall be composed, for administrative purposes, of seven Departments, one for each New England state, and one for all territory outside said six states.

Section 3. Each Department shall be comprised of the members of such Chapters as shall exist within its area plus such members-at-large as shall reside within its area.

Section 4. Each Chapter shall be comprised of its individual members in good standing.

ARTICLE V
DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. The seven Departments of this Association enumerated in Article IV, Section 2, shall exist by virtue of this Constitution. Their primary purpose shall be to act as administrative liaison between National Headquarters and the Chapters and members within the several Departments.

Section 2. Departments may adopt such Constitution and By-Laws as they may decide, not to conflict with any provision of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI
CHAPTERS

Section 1. Chapters of this Association within the area of any one of its seven Departments, shall exist only by virtue of a Charter, which may be granted to any group of ten or more active members in good standing, living in or near the same community, by vote of the National Executive Committee, upon written, signed application of the ten or more active members, endorsed by the Department within whose area the Chapter seeks to exist.

Section 2. Chapters may adopt such Constitution and By-Laws as they may decide, not to conflict with any provision of this Constitution.

Section 3. The charter of any Chapter shall be void at any time said Chapter shall grant active membership to any person who is ineligible to active membership under this Constitution, or whose National dues in this Association are unpaid.

Section 4. Not more than one Chapter in any one municipality shall hold a charter in this Association.

ARTICLE VII
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active membership in this Association shall be of two classes: members of Chapters and members-at-large. In cities or towns where chartered Chapters shall exist, including the generally recognized suburban areas of such cities or towns, active membership shall be limited to the active membership of the respective Chapters, and there shall be no members-at-large. In all other localities, any individual eligible to active membership in this Association may become a member-at-large.

Section 2. The following shall be eligible to active membership in this Association: Any officer, nurse, field clerk or enlisted man in the service of the United States, or honorably separated therefrom who served in the 26th Division in foreign service at any time up to and including November 11, 1918, or who served in the 26th Division in foreign service after November 11, 1918, for a period of not less than thirty days.

Section 3. There shall be no further Honorary or Associate Membership in this Association, or in any Department or Chapter thereof.

Section 4. A Certificate of Merit may be awarded by the National Executive Committee, either upon recommendation of any Department or Chapter, or upon its own initiative, to any person adjudged by the National Executive Committee to have rendered outstanding service to the Association. These awards may be made annually at the Annual National Convention.

Section 5. Resignations of membership shall be governed by such regulations as the Association may prescribe, except that no resignation shall be accepted unless all indebtedness of the resigning member of the Association shall have been paid.

Section 6. Expulsion or suspension from membership shall be subject to vote of the National Executive Committee upon such conditions and in such manner as it may by regulation prescribe.

Section 7. This Association shall be an entity apart from its members, and no member shall be entitled to any part of the property of the Asso-

ciation, nor liable for its debts except where such liability may be imposed by law.

ARTICLE VIII
NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1. The legislative body of the Yankee Division Veterans Association shall be the National Convention, one such Convention to be known as the Annual Convention, to be held annually during the month of June, the place of such Annual Convention to be fixed by the preceding Annual Convention, or in the event only of its failure to do so, by the National Executive Committee. The exact date and duration of the Annual Convention to be fixed by the National Executive Committee.

Section 2. Additional National Conventions may be called at any time by the President or upon the written request of any fifty members given to the National Secretary. Every such call shall state the place, date, duration and object for which the meeting is to be called, and no business unrelated to such object shall be in order at the meeting.

Section 3. Notice of every Annual Convention stating the place, date and duration thereof, shall be mailed to every member at least thirty days preceding the date of said Convention, or by publishing in the issue of "Yankee Doings" next preceding the date for such Convention.

Section 4. In any National Convention, each member present shall be entitled to one vote provided his dues for the fiscal year during which the date of the Convention falls have been received by the National Treasurer prior to the meeting of said Convention.

Section 5. Such members present at any National Convention, duly called, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Convention.

ARTICLE IX
DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Section 1. The several Departments of this Association shall hold such meetings, at such intervals, in such locations within their respective areas as they may decide, for the transaction of any business having strictly to do with their own Department, the Chapters and members within the area thereof, and not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution.

Section 2. None but active members in good standing of this Association shall have a vote in any meeting of any Department.

ARTICLE X
CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 1. Chapters of this Association shall hold not less than ten regular meetings in any calendar year.

Section 2. None but active members in good standing of this Association shall have a vote in any meeting of any Chapter.

ARTICLE XI
NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. The Annual Convention shall elect a National President, one National Vice President for each of the seven Departments, a National Treasurer, a National Chaplain, a National Historian, a National Judge-Advocate, a National Sergeant-at-Arms, National Americanization Officer and a National Service Officer.

Section 2. Such officers shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Annual Convention and thereafter until their successors are chosen.

Section 3. The National Executive Committee shall appoint a National Secretary, who shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Annual Convention and thereafter until his successor is chosen.

Section 4. Any active member of the Association qualified by residence as herinbefore provided shall be eligible to appointment or election to any National Office.

Section 5. No officer of the Association shall receive remuneration for his services as such, except the National Secretary, who shall receive such salary as the National Executive Committee may determine, except that travel expenses of the National President and National Secretary, incurred in performance of their duties, may be approved by vote of the National Executive Committee.

Section 6. The National President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall perform the duties and have the powers usually incidental to their offices, the Secretary and Treasurer acting under the general supervision of the Executive Committee. All other officers shall perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the National Executive Committee.

Section 7. Any vacancy occurring at any time in any National Office shall be filled by appointment by the National Executive Committee.

Section 8. The National Executive Committee shall have the power to remove, for stated cause only, and only after granting a hearing, any National officer or other member of the National Executive Committee, and then only by unanimous vote of those present and voting, exclusive of the member whose removal is sought.

ARTICLE XII
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Section 1. The National Vice President for each Department, elected at the Annual Convention, shall be the President of his Department.

Section 2. Other Department officers shall be elected or appointed at the will of, and in the manner prescribed by the respective Department.

ARTICLE XIII
CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. Each Chapter shall elect a President, Treasurer, Secretary, and such other officers as it may deem necessary, in such manner as it may decide.

ARTICLE XIV
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. At a regular meeting of the National Executive Committee held at least 30 Days before the Annual Convention, the Executive Committee shall designate seven members of the Association, one from each of the seven Departments, as a Nominating Committee, and their nominations for National offices and other members of the National Executive Committee shall be published in the issue of YANKEE DOINGS preceding the Annual Convention.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall be guided in making its nominations for the offices of Department Vice Presidents by the recommendations of the respective Departments.

Section 3. Any other members of the Association shall be eligible for election to office in the Association if their names shall be presented to Headquarters of the Association endorsed in writing by at least twenty members of the Association.

Said nominations to be filed at Headquarters at least seven days prior to the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE XV
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Between National Conventions, the Administrative power shall be vested in the National Executive Committee which shall function through National Headquarters and shall be composed of the National Officers, three members at large, to be elected by the Annual Convention. Not more than one of these three members-at-large shall reside in the area of any one Department. The members of the National Executive Committee shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Annual Convention and thereafter until their successors are chosen.

Section 2. The National Executive Committee shall have general management and control of the business of the Association. It shall supervise the work of the National Secretary and Treasurer and of all other National Committees. It shall have power in behalf of the Association, to make such contracts as are necessary or expedient for the proper execution of its purpose, and particularly to employ and discharge servants and agents, to maintain a suitable Headquarters at such place in Boston, Massachusetts, as it shall deem best, to establish such bureaus and administrative departments as may be desirable, to establish and maintain a news or intelligence service for the Association, and generally to administer the affairs of the Association so far and in such manner as best to effect its purpose as hereinbefore expressed.

Section 3. The National Executive Committee shall be subject to such additional regulations as it may prescribe for itself from time to time, shall enforce the observance of these By-Laws and all amendments thereof as shall be made from time to time, and amend and repeal such rules for the government and welfare of the Association as may seem expedient and as shall be consistent with the National Constitution and By-Laws, or any amendment thereof, and shall enforce the rules so made. The National Executive Committee may also prescribe from time to time rules for admission to the privileges of the Association of persons who are not members of the Association for such periods, not to exceed their own term of office, as they may prescribe, and to withdraw such privileges at any time. The Executive Committee may appoint, from the active, honorary or associate membership of the Association such committees as it may deem best, for such periods, not to exceed its own term of office then current as it may see fit.

Section 4. A quorum shall exist at a meeting of the National Executive Committee when five (5) members are present.

ARTICLE XVI
FINANCE

Section 1. Annual dues in this Association shall, in the case of Chapter members, be an amount not less than the amount of National dues. Each Chapter shall remit to the National Treasurer the amount of National dues of each of its members, and retain any additional amount which it may decide to assess as local dues in the Chapter.

Section 2. Annual dues of members-at-large shall consist of the amount of National dues only, and shall be remitted direct to the National Treasurer.

Section 3. Every member shall be issued a National membership card in the Association, upon receipt of his dues by the National Treasurer.

Section 4. Departments shall assess no dues, except that by majority vote of the Chapters in any Department, an assessment may be levied on the Chapters, but not on the individual members thereof, for the support of the Department.

Section 5. The Association shall have power to receive and apply to its purposes all voluntary contributions or other funds which may come to it from any sources.

Section 6. All dues received by the Association shall be applied primarily to expenses of maintenance and administration and thereafter to the welfare of its members or other charitable purposes in such manner as may from time to time be authorized by the National Convention.

ARTICLE XVII
FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of April in each year.

ARTICLE XVIII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended or repealed by any National Convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided due notice of the proposed action shall have been given in the call for the Convention.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AWARDED AT WORCESTER CONVENTION

In accordance with a practice initiated several years ago, the Yankee Division Veterans Association awarded its Divisional Certificate of Meritorious Service at the Worcester Convention to men and women who, during the past year, have rendered conspicuous service to the Association. The names are selected by the National Executive Committee, in the case of this year, at a meeting held in Keene, N. H., on June 17.

There is no second award to the same person: one who has received it in previous years is not eligible to receive it again.

The names to whom the certificate was awarded this year were read by the National President at both business sessions of the Convention, and those present received the certificate in person. Those not present at either session received their certificate later by mail.

This year's awards were as follows:

For general service to the Association, of outstanding character, in an official position of trust:

Nat. Treasurer L. H. REDFIELD
Nat. Historian RAYMOND B. KINCAID
Nat. Vice President DANIEL A. JONES

Nat. Vice President CHARLES B. DAILEY

For outstanding service to one of the Departments or Chapters of the Association: BENJAMIN PITMAN, JOHN S. CAVOLICK, SAMUEL C. POLLEY, ROBERT REYBURN, JAMES W. MORRELL, SAMUEL A. MARCUS, GEORGE W. WATT, FRED W. SABINE, FRANK P. LEE, WILLIAM AYLWARD, JOSEPH J. CUNNINGHAM, FRANCIS W. BOSSIDY, JOSEPH C. KOLINSKY, EDGAR F. MILLER, EDWARD PACKTOR, JAMES J. LEE, GARDINER R. HALL, FRANK J. BLANCHARD, OTTO A. HARBERT, WILLIAM W. THOMPSON, WILLIAM E. ROACH, JAMES S. HURLEY, EDWARD J. NELSON, JOSEPH C. MCGLONE, FREDERICK D. BROWN, THEODORE R. SCHOONMAKER, DANIEL F. MORAN, ARTHUR P. SHEA, DORAN S. LYONS, HUGH FOSTER.

For outstanding service on the Worcester Convention Committee: JOSEPH H. GAUTHIER, EDWIN J. NOYES, RAYMOND G. MANSFIELD, WILLIAM F. MURPHY, CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, THOMAS H. MCCARTHY, AUSTIN L. KENNEDY, THOMAS F. FOLEY, GEORGE W. JONES, CHARLES D. WEBSTER, J. EMMETT RYAN, ROBERT S. TWISS, Dr. OSCAR A. DUDLEY, WALTER J. KANZ, JOHN J. BROSNIHAN, Reverend WILLARD S. SMITH, JOHN F. CROWLEY, CHARLES P. RUGG, Brig.-Gen. WILLIAM I. ROSE, RAYMOND J. ROSSEEL, SAMUEL S. SPENCER, FRED A. JONES, SOUTHWORTH LANCASTER, SLATER WASHBURN, ALPHONSE L. RAND, FELIX L. LIBERTY, Colonel EDGAR C. ERICKSON, ROSCOE H. GODDARD, EUGENE A. SISSON, Dr. HOMER GAGE, Dr. J. W. O'CONNOR, CHARLES L. MCCARTHY.

For their efforts resulting in the posthumous award of the Distinguished Medal to General EDWARDS:

Hon. WILLIAM P. CONNERY, M.C.; Hon. CARROL REECE, M.C.; Hon. EMMET O'NEAL, M.C.; Hon. WILLIAM CITRON, M.C.; Hon. JOSEPH J. SMITH, M.C.; Hon. JOHN W. MCCORMACK, M.C.; Maj. JAMES W. BOYER, RAYMOND J. QUEENIN.

For interest in this Association, for championing its causes in Congress:

Hon. ISABELLA GREENWAY, M. C. from Arizona.

For outstanding achievement as Chairman of the General Edwards Memorial Bridge Committee:

JOHN T. SULLIVAN, Pres. of Lynn Chapter.

For his efforts in behalf of legislation of interest to this Association:

Hon. MICHAEL J. CARROLL, Representative from Lynn in Mass. General Court.

For his work in behalf of a national memorial to GEORGE DILBOY, M. H.:

COSTOS MELLAS, of Hines, Ill.

For his kind and unfailing assistance to members of this Association in their contact with the U. S. Veterans Administration:

Nat. Past President Col. WILLIAM J. BLAKE.

For her efforts resulting in the placing of a footstone at the grave of General EDWARDS in the name of the American War Mothers:

Mrs. CORABELLE G. FRANCIS, National Historian, A. W. M.

RESOLUTIONS ACTED UPON AT WORCESTER

In all, ten resolutions were presented to the Worcester Convention. These were presented to a Resolutions Committee, comprised of the following members: BENJAMIN PITMAN of Stamford, Chm.; ROYAL K. HAYES of Lowell; Col. JOHN H. PARKER of New Haven; GEORGE M. FRENCH of Nashua; DANIEL F. MORAN of Fitchburg; WILLIAM E. ROACH of Lewiston.

The general purpose of each resolution, the Committee's recommendation and the Convention's action thereon is reported in the Official Proceedings of the Convention, in this issue.

Below will be found the text of the more important resolutions, with a brief notation of the action taken on each.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas: The Government of the United States has seen fit to adjust the compensation of those who were its defenders in the World War, and

Whereas: There have recently been distributed Adjusted Compensation Bonds, which may be immediately converted into cash or held as a reserve against future need, and

Whereas: The President of the United States has urged all Veterans to hold onto these bonds wherever possible, and has signed a relief bill which stipulates, in effect, that a veteran on relief whose assets consist of Adjusted Compensation Bonds shall be considered as having no assets. We, the Yankee Division Association, in annual convention assembled at Worcester, Mass., deplore the action of certain State and Local relief administrators who deprive veterans in receipt of Adjusted Compensation Bonds of further relief until such Bonds are converted into cash and spent, thereby in effect confiscating this Government grant earned by Patriotic service and personal sacrifice and hardship so that a like amount so saved by such relief administrators may be used to carry others, including aliens and non-veterans, who, while just as deserving in their present relief status, lack the Patriotic background of the veterans. Therefore, be it

Resolved that: The Yankee Division Veterans Association request that all State and Local Relief Administrators in the New England States grant these Veterans the same consideration granted by the Federal Government, and be it further

Resolved that: Copies of this resolution be sent to the Legislatures of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, with the request and fervent hope that

the aforementioned unjust discrimination against these unfortunate veterans be immediately discontinued in order that they may apply their Adjusted Compensation Bonds to such useful means as their consciences may dictate.

Submitted by
Worcester Chapter
Yankee Division Veterans Assn.

Recommendation of Committee: It is recommended that this resolution be presented "as is" for action by the Association.

Convention Action: RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas: It has been the custom of this country to name the Battleships and Cruisers after some State, or distinguished persons who have performed outstanding service for their country, and

Whereas: Up to this time there has not been any ship named in honor of the veterans of the World War

Be it resolved: That the Yankee Division Veterans Association name the Honorable William P. Connery of Massachusetts a Committee of one to contact the proper officials of the National Government, and ask them on behalf of the Association to name one of the Battleships or Cruisers now under construction the "U. S. S. Veteran" in honor of all veterans who saw service in the World War.

Submitted by,
THOMAS F. CROKAN, *Sec.*
Springfield YD Club

Recommendation of Committee: Approved "as is" for action by the Association.

Convention Action: RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas: The Yankee Division Veterans Association is a cross-section of American society composed of men of different political beliefs and religious faiths and shades of public opinion, the Yankee Division Veterans Association views with alarm the existence in the United States of a sinister organization of lawless thugs known as the Black Legion, and,

Whereas: The Yankee Division Veterans Association believes in the principles of American democracy and the privileges granted under the Constitution of the United States to enjoy personal liberty and pursue happiness, the Yankee Division Veterans Association goes on record as strongly opposed to the criminal tendencies, secret ritual and brutal practices of the Black Legion and all other similar organizations that preach, teach or encourage intolerance, bigotry or prejudice, or who by word or act encourage force or violence or violation of the laws of the United States, and,

Whereas: The Yankee Division Veterans Association believes in law and order and freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience and the right to express one's viewpoint in a government of free people,

Be it Resolved that, The Yankee Division Veterans Association definitely opposes the Black Legion and requests that the Federal Government pass immediate laws, backed by sufficient enforcement to punish all persons holding membership in the Black Legion.

Submitted by
ROYAL K. HAYES
National Director of Americanism, Yankee Division Veterans Association.

Recommendation of Committee: Approved "as is" for action by the Association.

Convention Action: RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

A resolution signed by JAMES W. ARMESON, Commander; and THOMAS F. CROKAN, Secretary, Springfield Chapter, YDVA. Dated 5/20/36.

Reference: Making the National Dues $3.00 to anyone living in an area near enough to join a local Chapter.

Recommendation of Committee: Disapproved because it would be construed as a coercive measure, and prove detrimental to the welfare of the Association, and because it is a matter for Constitutional amendment which cannot be accomplished by Resolution.

Convention Action: Acceptance of Committee Report. RESOLUTION FAILED OF ADOPTION.

(N.B. The intent of this Resolution has been accomplished by the provisions of the new Constitution. See new Constitution.)

RESOLUTIONS NO. 5 AND 6

Both submitted by LEON F. DENIS, Fort Bliss, Texas.

5. Reference: Retirement Pay of enlisted men in regular army.

6. Reference: Counting of service in World War as double time credit.

Recommendations of Committee: Both resolutions were "form letters" evidently sent out to all Veteran Associations. It is not felt that this Association should take action on either without a great deal more information, or without having it further demonstrated that these matters are the proper concern of this Association.

Convention Action: Report of Committee accepted. RESOLUTIONS FAILED OF ADOPTION.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 7, 8, AND 9

In printing in full these three resolutions as submitted, DOINGS CALLS ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS THAT NO ONE OF THE THREE WAS ADOPTED IN THE FORM IN WHICH SUBMITTED. THEY ARE PRINTED AS A MATTER OF RECORD AND THE ACTION OF THE CONVENTION IS STATED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TEXT OF THE THREE RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

A RESOLUTION, adopted by unanimous vote of the Hughson Post No. 76 A. L., West Haven, Conn., June 8th, 1936, and *read* and *passed* at the June meeting of the Department of Connecticut YDVA held in New Haven June 14th, 1936.

Whereas: undergraduates of Harvard have raised the red flag of communism over the Supreme Court Building in Washington, D. C.; and, so far as known no action has been taken by the authorities of that institution to disapprove this conduct, to investigate it, or to take any sort of disciplinary action;

And whereas: undergraduates of Princeton have sought to ridicule all veterans by their organization of "veterans of future wars" and to make a mock of all Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Sisters; and, so far as known, no action of this conduct, to investigate it, or to take any sort of disciplinary action;

And whereas: undergraduates of Columbia, led by a professor of that institution, have attempted by disorderly demonstration said to number 550 students to interfere with a formal and authorized ceremony of the R. O. T. C., one of the basic institutions of the Natonal Defense of our Country; and, so far as known, no action has been taken by the authorities of that institution to disapprove of this conduct, to investigate it, or to make any, or take any disciplinary action;

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That we, Veterans of the military service of the United States, hereby express our profound disapproval of all such antisocial, unpatriotic and subversive activities in all institutions of learning and do hereby call upon the authorities of said institutions to publicly condemn all such activities by undergraduates, members of faculty, and employees of all such educational institutions;

We deny that either academic or religious tolerance includes the right to do wrong, to commit antisocial, unpatriotic and subversive conduct, and to tear down the basic institutions on which rest the National Defense; We furthermore express our opinion that institutions which permit or condone such activities are not fit institutions for the education of the youth of America;

We pledge ourselves to never contribute a dime of our money to the support of any such institution which permits or condones such activities, or fails to take prompt action in all such cases by due investigation followed by expulsion of all undergraduates and dismissal of all Faculty Members and employees taking part in them;

We furthermore pledge ourselves never to permit a son or daughter of ours to be enrolled as a student in any educational institution that fails to take such action;

And be it further Resolved: that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Convention of the YDVA, with a view to its adoption by that body, and its publication as a settled National Policy of the YDVA.

For Conn. Dept., YDVA
ALBERT W. HERMAN, *Pres.*
WILLIAM P. ADAMS, *Secy.*

Recommendation of Committee: Will follow Resolution No. 9.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas: The Yankee Division Veterans Association has viewed with alarm the disposition of local, state and federal educational authorities to permit the teaching of un-American doctrines in the schools and colleges of the United States, and

Whereas: In many instances teachers and educators have refused to take an oath of allegiance to the United States, an oath required of all governmental employees, and

Whereas: In recent months the members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association have witnessed the birth in Princeton University of the so-called Veterans of Future Wars and the so-called Future Gold Star Mothers, has witnessed the spread to other schools of higher learning of this insult to veterans of all wars; has witnessed the ridicule by undergraduates and faculty members of Columbia University of the Reserve Officers Training Corps unit in that institution; and has witnessed the erection of the red flag of Communism by students of Harvard University over the Supreme Court of the United States,

Therefore be it Resolved: By the Yankee Division Veterans Association in national convention assembled at Worcester, Massachusetts, that the authorities in charge of our municipal, county, state and federal educational systems begin at once to put their respective houses in order to the end that teachers who refuse to take the oath of allegiance to our country or who persist in teaching false and un-American doctrines be dismissed from their positions and that students who bring ridicule upon the flag of our country or upon its defenders be disciplined, and

Be it further Resolved: That the members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, many of whom have children ready to enter or soon to enter college, do pledge themselves not to send their boys or girls to any institution of higher learning wherein is tolerated or permitted the teaching of un-American doctrines, or where are retained on the faculty teachers who refuse to take the oath of allegiance to the United States of America, or where student bodies are permitted to ridicule the flag of our country or its defenders, and

Be it further Resolved: That the members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association call upon their comrades of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans of the World War and other veterans organizations to similarly pledge themselves.

This resolution adopted unanimously by Hartford Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association, on

May 27th, 1936, for transmittal to the national executive committee for action at Worcester Convention.

EDGAR F. MILLER, President
WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN, Secretary

Recommendation of Committee:

Will follow Resolution No. 9.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Submitted by New Haven Chapter, having been adopted by said Chapter.

Very nearly identical in purpose with Resolution No. 8.

Recommendation of Committee on Resolutions No. 7, 8, and 9

It is recommended that the Association put itself squarely on record as condemning any seditious or disloyal teachings, or the condoning of any seditious or disloyal activities on the part of either faculty members or students of any American institutions of learning, public or private, primary schools, secondary schools or colleges.

It is recommended that the Association should under no circumstances take any official action wherein the names of any specific institution of learning are mentioned.

It is recommended that no resolution should be placed before the Association for action wherein the members of the Association are asked or required to pledge that they will not send their children to any specific institutions of learning, because:

1. Entirely insufficient information has been collected.
2. Serious injustice to the said institutions of learning, and to the children of members might easily result.
3. It would be offering public insult to institutions which have provided the nation with outstanding leaders in every walk of life,—as well as a handful of irresponsible "show offs" of 18 to 20 years of age.
4. For every boy or girl now being admitted to these institutions a great many are being refused admittance for lack of room. Such a course as is suggested in these resolutions would have the effect of increasing the number of students from families of others than veterans, and therefore presumably with less patriotic backgrounds, and such a class would have far less resistance to subversive and disloyal propaganda.
5. The committee has given these three resolutions a great deal of consideration, and earnestly recommends that the YDVA be general in character and scope in any resolution that it passes on this subject, and that it limit any such resolution to the contents of the first paragraph on this page. The committee feels very strongly that any other course would bring sharp and just criticism on the Association and on the reputation of the YD.

Convention Action: Report of Committee accepted as a SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION, AND ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas: The history of the 26th Division records to some degree the feats of its service, and

Whereas: Its members are proud of the individual parts they played, and

Whereas: They want to hand on to their children and their children's children the spirit of comraderie and the high sense of devotion to country which actuated the Division in the period of National danger, now therefore—

Be it Resolved: That this Association favors the immediate formation of an organization to be known as The Sons of the Yankee Division Veterans Association and an organization to be known as the Daughters of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, and—

Be it further Resolved: That the President shall forthwith appoint such committee as he deems advisable to prepare a constitution and by-laws which, when approved by the Executive Committee of the Yankee Division Association, shall be the constitution and by-laws of said organizations, and

Be it further Resolved: That each chapter of this organization shall, as soon as the constitution and by-laws are approved by the Executive Committee, form under its auspices a branch of said Sons and said Daughters of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTHONY J. ROCK

Recommendation of Committee: Approved for action by Convention.

Convention action: RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

PORTLAND IN 1937!

Breathes there a man with soul so dead that he has forgotten the Portland, Maine, YD Convention in 1932! Well, we're going to Portland again in 1937. Portland with its warm-hearted hospitality, its beautiful, island-dotted bay, its sea breezes, and its reputation for putting over a good time in a big way.

The enthusiasm which greeted the vote of the Worcester Convention to go to Portland in 1937 was a pretty fine testimonial to the city and to the great time every one had there in 1932.

With the larger and better geared organization which the YDVA now has, next year should even eclipse Portland's first Convention;—in fact should once more merit the words, "The best yet."

NATIONAL OFFICERS, Y. D. V. A.

The following are the National officers and members of the National Executive Committee, elected at the Worcester Convention for the period of one year. (N.B. The office of National Secretary is appointive, and will be filled at the first meeting of the National Executive Committee, being held in the meantime by PHILIP N. SANBORN (101st Engrs.), Boston Chapter.

National President: ALBERT W. HERMAN (102nd Inf.) (Norwalk Chapter), Norwalk, Conn.

National Chaplain: Reverend OSIAS BOUCHER (101st Inf.) (Member-at-Large), Fall River, Mass.

National Treasurer: L. H. REDFIELD (101st Engrs.) (Boston Chapter), Boston, Mass.

National V.P. for Dept. of Maine: ELTON P. WALKER (103rd F.A.) (Portland Chapter), Portland, Maine.

National V.P. for Dept. of N. H.: EARLE L. WILLIAMS (103rd F.A.) (Nashua Chapter), Nashua, N. H.

National V.P. for Dept. of Vt.: ARTHUR M. FOOTE (102nd Inf.) (Rutland Chapter), Rutland, Vt.

National V.P. for Dept. of Massachusetts: A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE (101st F.A.) (Lynn Chapter), Lynn, Mass.

National V.P. for Dept. of R. I.: Col. WILLIAM T. MULCAHEY (103rd F.A.) (Member-at-Large), Providence, R. I.

National V.P. for Dept. of Conn.: WILLIAM W. THOMPSON (102nd Inf.) (Bristol Chapter), Bristol, Conn.

National V.P. for Dept. of U. S.: WALTER D. CROWELL (101st Inf.) (Chicago Chapter), Chicago, Ill.

National Judge Advocate: C. BIRD KEACH (103rd F.A.) (Member-at-Large), Providence, R. I.

National Americanization Officer: ROYAL K. HAYES (Hq. 51st F.A. Brig.) (Lowell Chapter), Lowell, Mass.

National Sergeant-at-Arms: DENNIS BRUNTON (101st Engrs.) (Springfield Chapter), Springfield, Mass.

National Service Officer: ERNEST C. PARENT (104th Inf.) (Worcester Chapter), Worcester, Mass.

National Historian: RAYMOND B. KINCAID (102nd M.G. Bn.) (Bristol Chapter), New Britain, Conn.

Additional Members of National Executive Committee

GEORGE M. FRENCH (104th Inf.) (Nashua Chapter), Nashua, N. H.

JAMES S. HURLEY, (102nd Inf.) (New York Chapter), New York, N. Y.

WARREN F. FREEMAN, JR. (102nd M.G. Bn.) (Boston Chapter), West Roxbury, Mass.

THE HORRIBLES PARADE

About the only scheduled event of the great Convention which didn't click quite up to expectations was the Horribles Parade on Friday night. And not much wonder at that. The gang, most of 'em had just got to town and were enjoying impromptu celebrations altogether too well to go to the trouble of dressing up in grotesque costumes, piling a mile or more out of town to form in line and march.

But if the parade itself was short in numbers, it succeeded in filling the streets of Worcester with the largest crowd ever seen in the history of the city, tying up all traffic for hours. And what the crowd may have missed in the nature of a parade was more than made up in the amount of fun they had watching the antics of this group and that, pushing its way through the jammed streets.

Major ARMAND RUBY was marshal. His staff, wearing smocks and aprons in orchid shade, was EDWIN FOYE and GEORGE A. LYON of Springfield. Five members of the Wellington Rifles came next, representing the Quintuplets. They won first prize. Their names were not announced, "for good reasons", according to Major RUBY.

While the crowd roared with laughter, a "little lady in pink"—parasol and all—occupied the center of the road. He was ARTHUR FLETCHER of New Haven, and won second prize.

The crowd gave way for a goat. Major RUBY can identify the owner, who rode comfortably behind it. But knowing who he is by sight, doesn't mean knowing his name, the major said.

After the goat came a black-faced comedian, accompanied by a couple of clowns. Then the rest of the band, then the stragglers.

"We started off with 25," Major RUBY said. "If those others (pointing back at the stragglers) are ours, I don't know them."

The stragglers occupied a dilapidated car, and blew bugles. The car became bogged down in the mob at Harrington Corner, and some of its youthful occupants left.

For a few minutes after the parade had passed, the crowd failed to realize that that was the parade which had just gone by. With loud shouts the younger ones broke from the densely packed ranks. Traffic never did return to normalcy.

Major RUBY said that the committee had planned to have a real "horribles" parade.

Just what happened to the enthusiasm of the convention's delegates, he didn't know.

"We had no formal advance reservations," he said, but quite a few said they'd be on deck. Anyway, we had a parade."

THE BIG PARADE

(Reprinted from the Worcester Telegram)

Bugles blowing, colors flying, the YD's thousands went marching again.

They filed through whooping, cheering, close-packed lanes, in a brilliant array.

They made Saturday's parade one of the most colorful events in Worcester's history.

Off the canyon walls of Main street's buildings, the echoes of blaring bands came rolling back and drowned themselves in the roll of the drums.

Stepping to the pulse-quickening rhythm of martial music, ten thousand marchers received the plaudits of an estimated one hundred and forty thousand spectators, forming what police described as the greatest crowd ever to assemble in Worcester.

The marchers moved steadily along the three mile line of march for two hours and three minutes. They quick-stepped below drizzling skies, which failed to dampen their ardor. Nor did the desultory showers quench the cheery enthusiasm of that record crowd.

They combined the grim paraphernalia of war with the brilliant show dress of a nation at peace. An army of citizens—regulars, militia, veterans, wives and children, they swayed to the pulsating blare of the military bands, the raucous blasts of the trumpets and the thud-thud of rolling drums. They quickened to the shrilling of fifes and the wailing of Scotch bagpipes.

From the sidewalks came the cheers of uncounted thousands—and their laughter at the occasional sidelights of comedy. Against the gloomy background of the gray skies there fell tons of confetti, scrap paper—even ticker tape—showering down upon them, marchers and spectators alike.

Right on Time

This was a military parade. Traditionally it began on time. It was 1:50 p.m. when Col. EDGAR C. ERICKSON'S staff saluted representatives of the city, state and nation at City Hall. Twenty minutes before, Colonel ERICKSON as marshal had ordered the start, from Park Avenue and Chandler Street.

The marshal and his staff, mounted, led. Then came the colors, and their guards; then the steady tramp of two thousand soldiers, with fixed bayonets.

Lieut. Col. ROY W. SMITH of the 181st Infantry headed the first division, made up of the Massachusetts National Guards and regular U. S. Army units.

Snappily the regulars "eyed right" as their officers saluted the reviewers. They represented the third batallion of the 13th Infantry, stationed at Fort Devens. Maj. CHARLES BOLTE commanded the detachment.

The 13th Infantry band set the pace in traditionally regular army style. The battalion is joshingly known as the "MILK" battalion, because it comprises these companies: Co. I, commanded by Capt. FRANCIS H. A. MCKEON, Co. L, commanded by Capt. RAY A. MARSHALL; Co. K, commanded by Capt. JAMES E. DOOLEY and Co. M, commanded by Capt. JAMES E. DOOLEY. The latter is also Headquarters Co.

Courtesy of Worcester Telegram

YD JUNIOR DRUM CORPS OF BOSTON IN WORCESTER PARADE

Forty trucks, ranging from light to medium size, followed the infantry. Each was manned by a crew sitting at parade attention. The convoy was commanded by Major B. F. KENNON of the 13th Infantry.

Worcester's own 181st Infantry band led the way for her own boys, with the first and third battalions in line, comprising Companies A, C, D, F, G, H, I, L, K, and M, the Headquarters Co., the 101st Ambulance Co., the 191st Howitzers.

An Old Favorite

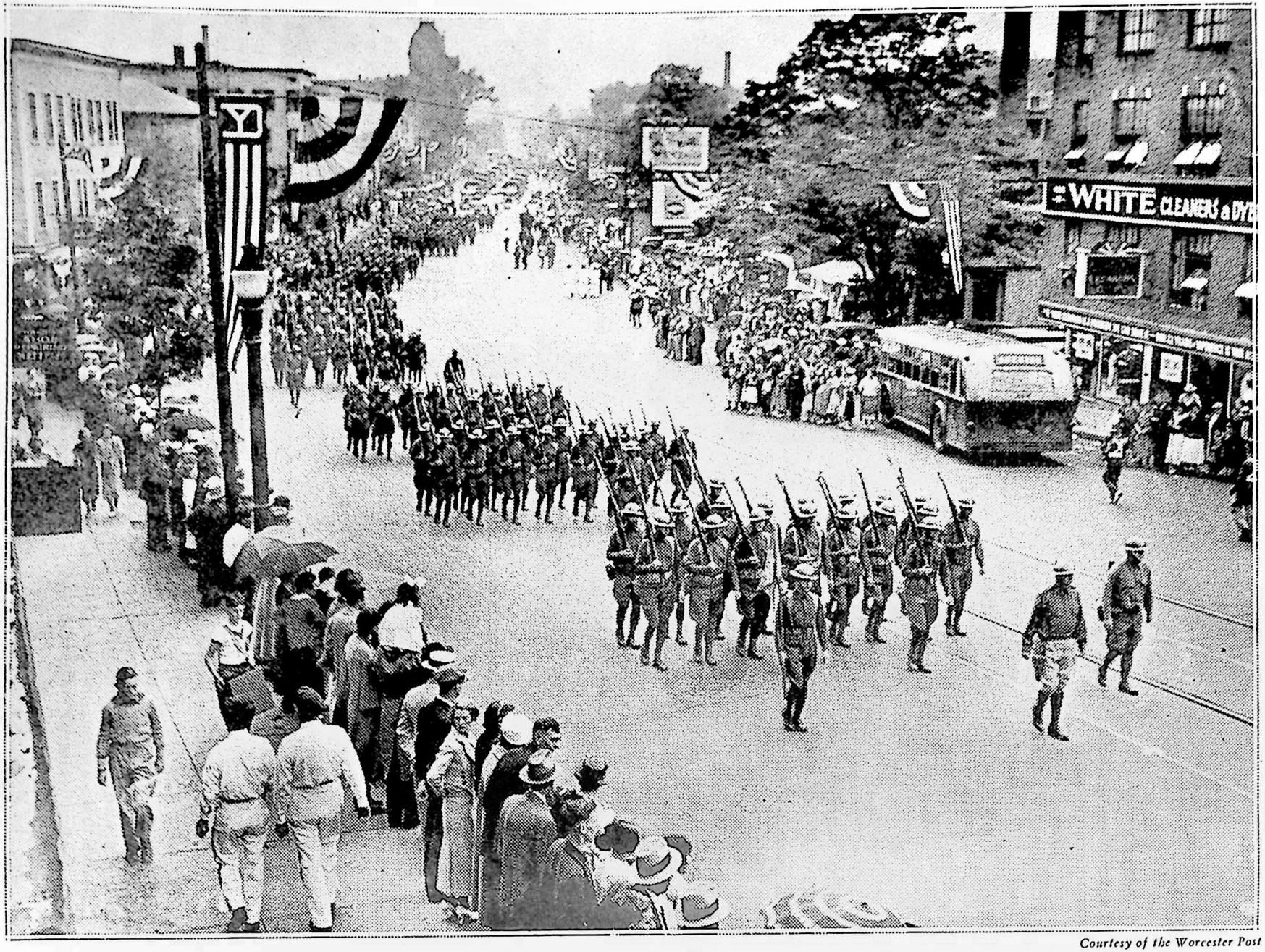
"There's a Long, Long Trail," was the marching song of the 101st Infantry with the Fourth Battalion supporting the visiting units. The Second Battalion of the 181st supported the 14th from Springfield.

The crowd cheered the field artillery—Battery 3, of the 101st; and Battery C of the 102nd. Then followed a long convoy of supply trucks from the Second and Third Battalions of the 181st.

B Company of the 101st got one of the biggest hands up to then. Its members wore the new light sun helmets issued recently.

The antics of a duck—a very serious duck—and a bespectacled dog drawing a small wagon with clown cavorting, evoked the first laughs.

ARTHUR T. SQUIRES headed the Second Division. While this was the shortest of the six divisions in line, it was acclaimed by the spectators. Marching



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THE NEW YD PASSES BY

behind their own fife and drum corps were the Spanish War Veterans of Worcester.

The third division swung by the reviewing stand with the Homer J. Wheaton Post band leading the way. State Commander JOEL L. MILLER of the Veterans of Foreign Wars commanded. Massed colors of several V. F. W. posts were colorful. Close behind came the Sons of Veterans' band of Boston, attired in brilliant yellow blouses and blue trousers, and the Boston Consolidated Gas Employes' band.

And Billy Van

Then came BILLY VAN of Providence, still in that comic costume which made him so popular as the convention opened. First of a number of snappy drum corps was the V. F. W. corps of Nashua, N. H.

The high-stepping corps from the H. F. Akroyd Post of Marlboro played "Adestes Fideles" passing the stand. "America," played as the Witch City Corps of Salem passed by, moved the spectators to an outburst of cheering.

Homer Gage, Jr. Post, V. F. W. had its corps in line, followed by the Hudson Post, V. F. W. national champions of the V. F. W. Then came the peppy Elsie Janis Post, V. F. W. corps of Boston, with its pretty girls and attractive feminine drum major.

The American Legion Division, fourth in line, was commanded by RALPH LAVERS, departmental vice-commander and a staff of Worcester County officers. State Commander JOHN J. WALSH reviewed his men from City Hall.

Alexander G. Bell Post, A. L., of Boston, was the first band in line. But then came the Nashua, N. H. YD Club and auxiliary, followed by the Keene YD Club. Clad in French uniforms the Whitinsville American Legion corps was roundly applauded.

The Southern Worcester County Voiture, or 40 and 8 Club was a colorful group. One man carried a squeaking hen under his arm. Playing "Maryland" the Stoughton corps, with blue uniforms and red trimmings marched in the form of a cross.

Worcester Post. A. L.

MAURICE J. SPLAINE led the Worcester Post, A. L. members with their smartly dressed drum corps. Felix L. Liberty, drum major was one of the parade's outstanding figures.

About 300 Legionnaires from Worcester were marching behind the natty blue and gold of their corps.

Post 22, A. L. of Whitman, was followed by the Westboro Legion corps, playing the Grand March from "Aida". Boys and girls of the E. P. Clark, Jr., Post of Natick formed a striking picture in their corps' uniforms of white blouses and capes of red and white. Great Barrington's corps was followed by boys and girls of the YD Juniors corps, in contrasting blue and gray uniforms. Squadron 31, Sons of A. L. of Southbridge and the Clinton Squadron were given big hands as they marched by.

The Fifth Division opened peppily enough with a goat and donkey leading the way. The crowd hooted with delight.

Leading the formal parade was Lieut. Col. HOWARD W. ROBBINS and his staff, and the 11th Fleet Division, Naval Reserve Band of Worcester.

Prize Winners

The crack Florence Rangers Band of Gardner maneuvered before the reviewing stand. It was this band which was later awarded the first place prize of $200.

The Rangers set the pace for the Italian American War Veterans of Worcester. But next in line was the Italian-American Fife and Drum Corps, followed by the Post 38, Canadian Legion Drum Corps and Canadian and British War veterans, commanded by William H. Warrington.

With brilliant red and white capes, contrasting with light uniforms, boys of St. Mary's Cadets, Brookline, won approval. But it remained for the Girls' Corps of the same outfit to completely capture the spectators.

More than 100 strong and led by a gaily garbed drum major, they exhibited their prowess in playing and marching in a series of complicated maneuvers. Their uniforms were of magenta with white trimmed capes. Later the judges awarded them the one hundred dollars first place prize for junior corps. The judges turned in a perfect score for the St. Mary's Girls. But the crowd had already shown its approval before them.

St. Charles' Cadets of Providence, R. I., were next and the boys and girls of the newly organized drum corps of the Adams Square School in Worcester, with white trousers contrasting with blue blouses. The Worcester County Training School corps from Oakdale and the Sacred Heart Church drum corps marched by followed by St. Mary's fife and drum corps of Ware, distinguished by their Hessian hats. The drum corps from Post 21, A. L., Springfield, in striped cream uniforms, helmets and breeches, was next. Later third prize in the senior division was theirs. Bringing up the rear of the fifth division were the enthusiastic members of the New Haven, Conn., YD corps.

Just a Preliminary

All the foregoing had been preliminary to the main show—YD veterans themselves. They paraded nearly twenty-five hundred strong.

Heading the YD division were National Commander ALBERT W. HERMAN and his predecessor, Past National Commander LEONARD J. MALONEY.

Disabled YD veterans were carried in automobiles. The Post 290 Senior Drum Corps of Boston led the veterans, who showed they hadn't forgotten how to march. The Boston uniforms were field gray, with French-type helmets. They had their own colors and colorguard.

Contrasting black and orange uniforms of the Old Dorchester Post Corps were followed by the

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PART OF THE "BIG PARADE" AT WORCESTER

veterans of D Co., 101st Engineers. The First Corps Cadets of Boston and their band staged a brief exhibition. The band was later awarded third prize.

The M. J. O'Connell Post, A. L., band of Jamaica Plain, was garbed in uniforms similar to those worn by the Northwest Mounted Police. They were followed by the YD Junior Corps of Boston, which was later to receive third prize in the junior competition. Pretty Dolly Merrick headed the YD Juniors, who were in uniforms of red and black, and numbered both boys and girls.

Something Unusual

The Salem Bagpipers' Band was next, and accepted as something unusual. Then came corps from Waterbury, Conn., Middletown, Conn., with delegations of YD veterans from those cities and Bristol, Conn., following.

The New Haven YD Post Band wore sashes of red and a large New Haven delegation followed it. Veterans from Providence, R. I., marched to their own drum corps, which preceded the New Milford, Conn., corps and delegation. The New York Club, jauntily swinging canes, received a big hand.

Marlboro's former American Legion national champions were next in line. The spectators were rather surprised to see them, having anticipated that they would have a place of honor in the American Legion division.

It developed, however, that the corps had become lost, marched around side streets for two hours, and lost its own division. Deputy U. S. Marshal Christopher J. Gilhoni of Marlboro carried the placard for the group. That they are still champs was disclosed when first prize for seniors went to them.

A troupe of comically clad veterans from Bridgeport, Conn., sent the sidewalk throngs into howls of laughter. They were wearing what some women call unmentionables.

The Only Float

Preceded by the Bridgeport, Conn., band came a more serious touch. A great portrait of General Edwards, draped in mourning, the only float in the entire parade.

Heads were uncovered and police officers saluted as the memorial went by.

A great state of Maine banner was carried by Portland delegates, who also carried signs: "On to Portland in 1937." The boys had their "trench mortar" with them and fired a salute before City Hall.

In quick order there followed the Manchester, Conn., corps and delegation; the Broad Brook, Conn., Fife, Bugle and Drum Corps, the Universal Fife and Drum Corps of Webster, the New Britain Corps and the Concord Legion Band, which won second place in the band contest.

Wearing black sun helmets and buff shirts were delegates from Washington, D. C., headed by John Caswell, Jr. Next in line were the New Bedford Voiture 577; the Battery D veterans of the 102d Field Artillery; the Lowell corps and delegation, headed by a pretty girl swinging two batons.

Clyde O. Elliott headed the Worcester YD Club which had the Junior Auxiliary Corps of Post 5, A. L., playing. After the YD veterans came the drum corps of the Sons of the American Legion and sons and daughters of Worcester YD members.

St. Agnes' Fife and Drum Corps of Providence brought up the rear of the parade and were given second prize in the senior contests.

THE NIGHT AIR RAID

(Reprinted from the Worcester Telegram)

As searchlights raked the sky, the 26th Division Aviation, formerly the 101st Observation Squadron, won a game of hide and seek figuratively to wipe out Worcester.

The anti-aircraft defenses in the raid, proved inadequate. From vantage points on Newton Hill, and on Bell Hill, near Bell Pond, a battery of French 75's pointed their noses along the paths of searchlight beams and sought the imaginary foe. But they lacked the muzzle elevation to do potential damage.

From other high places operators of automatic rifles stood watch. At points near the batteries, anti-aircraft machine guns, manned by 181st Infantry machine gun companies, stood guard.

The planes, from their base in Boston, however, easily evaded the hastily thrown together defense.

Commanded by Captain Clyde Jackway, the squadron occasionally would switch on wing lights and prowl in the spot where three or four beams converged. Then they slid into the clouds.

They maintained, army observers said, a height of better than two thousand feet, too high for the machine guns and automatics. And French 75's barked at them, but could not command the elevation necessary to "bracket them." The guns fired 32 rounds each.

Worcester lay virtually unprotected below the potential death bearers. Brilliantly lighted streets were a target impossible to miss.

The aviators maneuvered over the city at 7 o'clock, two and one-half hours before. They thrilled the watchers with power dives over the very heart of the city. This was a "scouting" visit.

The battery of 75's firing at imaginary targets were supplied by the 101st Field Artillery, M. N. G. of Brockton.

Backing them up were the 197th Coast Artillery of the New Hampshire National Guard, and the 211th Coast Guard of the Massachusetts National Guard, with batteries of searchlights. The Boston Police Department sent a searchlight detachment commanded by Sergt. Edward J. Siebold.

THE CLAMBAKE

(Reprinted from the Worcester Telegram)

"Hot Clams!"

When that cry went up late Friday afternoon at the Fairgrounds two thousand veterans, veterans' wives, and veterans' children had been groaning round the board for nearly an hour awaiting the advent of the first, last, and principal course of the gigantic YD clambake.

One hundred waitresses clad in the traditional black with white aprons were utterly inadequate to stem the tide of clams when it began to flow.

Veterans jumped into the breach with the same fervor they displayed when a rolling barrage was coming across No Man's Land. Hustling through the crowds, they bore piles of paper dishes bent beneath the weight of clams.

Path Paved With Clams

As each one of the four "bakes" was opened, its canvas covering thrown back and its cache of clams exposed amid clouds of savory steam, the flow of clams came nearer to flood proportions.

The path from the bakes to the dining tables in the Industrial Building was paved with clams, while the rest seemed to travel on a moving belt supported by waitresses and veterans.

This was no fancy bake. It was just plain clams, with a few matching accessories.

In to the four holes dug behind the Industrial Building went 45 bushels of clams—in round numbers about 36,000 individual clams. Those holes were lined with rocks upon which bonfires had burned for nearly four hours.

Twelve barrels of rock-weed, fresh from the surf-beaten coast of the North Shore and dripping with the salt of the ocean, covered those rocks, emitting hissing jets of steam that was the world's best aperitif.

Into the bakes with the clams went 400 pounds of bluefish, to steam away and become impregnated with that incomparable clam flavor.

300 Pounds of Butter

To make those tasty bivalves slip more easily down quivering esophagi, past yearning palates, 150 pounds of butter was reduced to liquid, and another 150 pounds was retained in its solid form for the 3600 rolls on the tables.

One hundred and fifty watermelons had been sliced and lay coolly on the tables, as the principal accessory after the fact of clams.

And warmed over another bonfire was 150 gallons of coffee and 150 gallons of clam water, to sluice the meal down lusty veteran throats.

MARTIN LYDON, brother of Capt. JOHN LYDON of Lowell and the 101st Infantry, was the clambake chef. He and his 20 assistants slapped the bake together in jig time.

"Those aren't Nova Scotia clams," Mr. Lydon said. Those are real Ipswich River clams. They're clams as is clams."

The veterans seemed to agree with him.

THE MILITARY BALL

The Military Ball, held on Friday evening, was unquestionably one of the highlights of the Convention. Held in Worcester's magnificent Muncipal Auditorium, the brilliant costumes and gowns were afforded a setting which Worcester can proudly (and truthfully) boast is without equal in New England, if indeed anywhere in the United States. The newspapers said 4000 attended, and for once they were, if anything, conservative in the estimate. The only real opportunity to make a fairly accurate guess occurred during the Grand March at midnight. Starting off in the customary column of twos, and doubling at each end of the huge hall, the final manoeuvre revealed a spectacle seldom seen in any grand march, as ranks of 32 abreast came to a halt facing the stage. From those on the sidelines it was learned that nearly 100 such ranks of 32 filled the great floor from end to end and side to side. In addition, hundreds not in the march filled every available space, and hundreds of others were seated in the balconies to watch the beautiful pageant.

Leading the Grand March were the National President, Major LEN MALONEY and Mrs. MALONEY, the latter clad in a violet lace gown with corsage of gardenias, Len in the official Connecticut uniform of horizon blue with maroon piping. Others in the van were Congressman WILLIAM P. CONNERY and Mrs. Connery; National President-elect ALBERT W. HERMAN and Mrs. Herman; National Judge Advocate C. BIRD KEACH and partner (Mrs. Keach was unable to be in Worcester); National Secretary PHILIP N. SANBORN and Mrs. Sanborn; National Treasurer LEA REDFIELD and partner, Miss Cora Hamilton, sister of Mrs. Sanborn (Mrs. Redfield was unable to be in Worcester); National V.P. WIN LLOYD and Mrs. Lloyd; National V.P. DAN JONES and Mrs. Jones, many other National officers with their wives. Following these came literally thousands of couples—our buddies—the YD "gang", some in uniform, others in white flannel, offical summer "dress", with their wives and sweethearts in fluttering gowns of every rainbow hue. Acting as masters of ceremonies, calling the manoeuvres which at times threatened to become tremendously compli-

cated, were Military Ball Chairman JACK CROWLEY, FELIX LIBERTY, and ARTHUR SHEA of Fitchburg.

As the great moving mass came to a halt, straightened out its ranks, the hall was thrown into sudden darkness, the great back drop behind the stage slowly lifted revealing in the intense light of footlights and flood beams, a scene in "Flanders Field", with its "crosses, row on row", while high above fluttered a real flag, fanned by a mysterious breeze. While thousands uttered not a breath, a concealed voice, that of Nelson Brewer, recited the immortal lines of "Flanders Field".

The curtain lowered, only to rise again, this time to reveal a more than twice life-size portrait of General EDWARDS, flag-draped, beside which stood a four foot high placque of red, white and blue flowers, bearing the symbol YD. During the interminable moments of the curtain's rising, drums were rolled by three daughters of the Yankee Division, Ruth Rand, Margaret Early, Elizabeth Crowley, all of Worcester. As the roll of drums ceased, the sad, sweet notes of taps rang clear, only to echo in the distance from the rear of the huge building. Another minute's utter darkness, then the beautiful hall was flooded with light from its indirect panels of colored glass, and the dance was on again.

During an earlier intermission, at eleven o'clock, dancers and spectators were thrilled by marching and playing exhibitions by the YD Junior Drum Corps of Boston and of New Haven, and the gorgeously attired Drill Team of the Lynn Chapter.

The Erickson family of Stepney Depot, Conn., was there in full force. Eric A. Erickson brought his five-year-old twins, Joyce and Joan, his daughter, Virginia, 16, and his three-year-old son, Henry W. The twins were one of the night's attractions. Clad in pale pink organdie "party dresses" they sat with their father in the gallery. Even Eric himeslf couldn't tell Joan from Joyce without stooping down and peering intently into their little faces.

Every possible arrangement for the pleasure of guests was carried out to a nicety by the Ball Committee, which started off under the Chairmanship of DAN JONES, and later under the leadership of JACK CROWLEY. A beautiful room, known as the Green Room had been set aside for the reception of National officers and distinguished guests, and here many a tête-a-tête was enjoyed by those choosing not to dance for a while.

Other Conventions may surpass Worcester in some particulars, but many a long day will have rolled around before another Military Ball is seen to match the spectacle of June 26.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED TO GENERAL EDWARDS

At the conclusion of the Big Parade of Saturday afternoon, after the first five Divisions had fallen out, the sixth Division, composed of veterans of the Yankee Division, continued on to Tech Field to pay honor to the departed leader who led them in France, their idol, their demi-god, their "Old Man", their "Daddy", General Edwards.

For the spirit he gave his men, a spirit that made them an outstanding division of the American forces during the World War, the government of the United States conferred its reward upon Gen. Clarence R. Edwards.

On the slopes that circled the field stood the older YD men, who had fought with General Edwards, known him, adored him. Below them on the plain, the bands played and file upon file of khaki-clad men marched by, their colors dipped in salute. There was the 13th Infantry, the Regular Army's representatives, and the 181st Infantry of the Mass. N. G., and the 104th and the 101st.

While the soldiers stood at attention at the far side of the field, their colors were brought to the reviewing stand, those of the 104th decked with the streamers of the Croix de Guerre, that rippled in the west wind.

Then Brig. General Clement A. Trott, representing the Regular Army, Congressman WILLIAM P. CONNERY, personally representing the President of the United States, Charles R. Hurd of New York, cousin of General Edwards, Major LEONARD J. MALONEY, National President, and ALBERT W. HERMAN, National President-elect of the YD Veterans Association, gathered for the presentation of the Distinguished Service Medal.

Congressman Connery read the House's joint resolution by which Congress conferred upon the President the power to confer upon General Edwards the nation's tribute. He presented the medal and bars to Mr. Hurd, and Gen. Trott extended the congratulations of the Army.

From the hill behind the group a salute of 11 guns was fired by Battery C, 102nd Field Artillery.

The colors were returned to the regiments, and the bands struck up their martial airs as the soldiers passed in review. In review, every eye went right, to a ghostly figure that none could see, but who shall say he wasn't there.

MEMORIAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING

(Reprinted from the Worcester Telegram)

YD veterans bowed graying heads on Sunday morning in memory of their 3300 buddies of 19 years ago, who were left where "poppies grow between the crosses, row on row." Then, facing the eternal mystery of the West, they took new orders for an advance—a drive to secure lasting world peace, that these dead should not have died in vain.

The veterans gathered in the bright morning under the billowing folds of Old Glory spreading from its lofty staff at the World War Memorial in Lincoln square. They grouped in stern seriousness, sharply contrasting with the carnival levity of earlier convention sessions. They met, too, 2,500 strong, in the presence of Gold Star Mothers of the 26th (Yankee) Division.

In the shrinelike atmosphere—amid symbols of the very battlefields where so many of the heroic 3,300 now rest—they rededicated themselves to the cause for which they fought, and their comrades died. They vowed to keep faith with their departed buddies in the quest for universal peace and brotherhood among men.

Sealing their reconsecration came gunshots, a soldier's requiem, fired by a National Guard squad. Then came the mellow notes of the bugles, sounding Taps and echo Taps.

The clarion call for a new onslaught was given by Rev. Willard S. Smith of Worcester and Holden, the YD's national chaplain.

Non-Sectarian Service

The memorial service was non-sectarian. Representatives of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths took part.

It opened with a procession from the nearby State Armory, led by boys and girls of the YD Junior Drum Corps of Boston and New Haven. The corps, in brilliant uniforms marched into the memorial's enclosure, lining the north wall. On this wall are inscribed names of World War battlefields.

The firing squad stood at sharp attention facing the West. Facing the East were members of the Aletheia Grotto Symphonic Choir. The Gold Star Mothers were seated facing the North.

Rabbi Levi A. Olan of Temple Emanuel evoked divine blessing. The male voices sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Rev. Smith stepped to the base of the flagstaff.

A Memorable Address

His address, one which will live forever in the memories of those who listened, is printed in full as the editorial of this issue.

As the chaplain concluded there was deep silence followed by tumultuous applause.

Stepping quietly to the golden pedestal supporting the flag-staff, National President ALBERT W. HERMAN of East Norwalk, Conn. and Immediate Past President LEONARD J. MALONEY of New Haven, Conn., laid a magnificent floral tribute at its base. Then the firing squad, a hymn by the choir and the taps, blown by Buglers Charles Lyden and Leonard Gribbons of Co. D, 181st Infantry, M. N. G.

Rev. Fr. MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, affectionately known to the YD members as "Father Mike", pronounced the solemn benediction.

NIGHT FROLIC AND FIREWORKS

In the best tradition of the Yankee Division, ten thousand men, women and children "stormed" the Fairgrounds on Saturday night.

They came on foot and they came by car; they came early and late and they came from far and near.

Fireworks spectacular and thundering whined and boomed through the sultry night air as the many thousands swarmed all over the huge park sat in awe.

A homeliest dog and a hot dog eating contest in the Industrial Building made the program complete for the children.

The midway, featuring carnival attractions, was packed the whole night through with the throng.

The convention fireworks was a thing of awe and beauty, the two children's contests were a thing of fun and more fun.

More than a thousand spectators jammed the Industrial Building where the boys and girls were stationed upon the wrestling ring for the hot dog eating contest and the homeliest dog show.

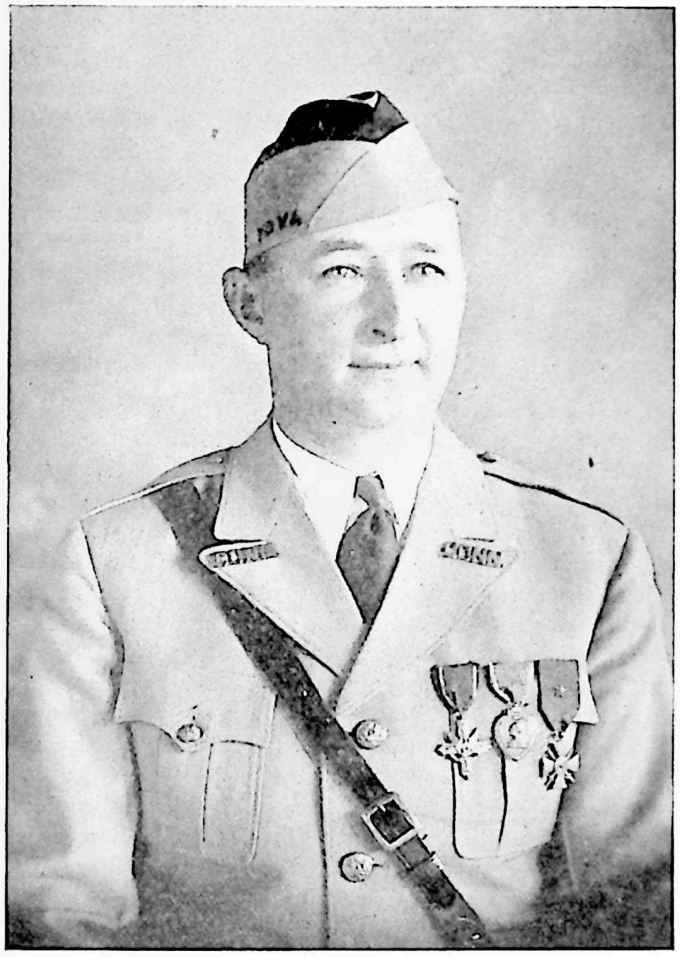
After these contests, in which the hot dog larder in the ring was raided by more than a hundred boys, the visitors adjourned to the midway and the grandstand to await the major event of the evening, the fireworks display.

The display began shortly before 11 o'clock while hundreds of automobiles were still struggling along on West Boylston Street, trying to get near the field.

The fireworks, of all sizes and colors and noises, lasted more than a half hour.

After the display the crowd broke up. The wild rush of cars to get out of the park first resulted in a traffic tie-up which took more than an hour to untangle.

WHO IS AL HERMAN?



ALBERT W. HERMAN, D. S. C.
NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Y. D. V. A.

At the Worcester Convention, the YD Veterans Association elected to its highest office, that of National President, ALBERT W. HERMAN of Norwalk, Conn. Who is AL HERMAN?

No reader of YANKEE DOINGS during the past two or three years should be in any doubt. Al's name has figured largely in these pages because of the tremendous amount of work he has done toward making Connecticut what it is today, far and away the best organized Department of the Y. D. V. A.

Born in Germany, he had not been in this country many years when he enlisted for the Mexican Border, and later for the World War where he had three brothers fighting "on the other side". Decorated with the D. S. C. for gallantry in bayonet fighting, he was known to officers and men of the 102nd Infantry, as one of the greatest soldiers, and rip-roaringest fighting scrappers in the regiment.

As President of Norwalk Chapter, President of the Department of Connecticut, he has gone up the rounds of the ladder, displaying an uncanny ability to enthuse every one around him with the spirit of the YD Veterans Association. His sincerity and fervor in addressing groups of YD men carry everything before him.

As typical of him as any remark which could be quoted is this gem, delivered in Worcester to the reunion of the 102nd Field Artillery, at which he was a guest: "I won't use any million dollar words, because I don't know them, but I'll talk YD language to you during the coming year that you'll all understand."

AL HERMAN thinks, eats, sleeps and dreams Y. D. V. A. Watch his steam!

DINNER TO NATIONAL OFFICERS AND CONVENTION CHAIRMEN

On Sunday afternoon, the closing day of the Worcester Convention, the Convention Committee tendered a dinner at the Bancroft to the incoming and outgoing National officers, and heads of Convention Committees.

To those fortunate enough to be among the select group, it was one of the pleasantest parts of the Convention; everything informal and in good spirit, plenty of good food and also plenty to drink for those who could still "take it."

There was no regular routine of business, mighty little speechmaking. Convention Chairman JOE GAUTHIER opened the post-prandial ceremonies by turning the meeting over to National Secretary PHIL SANBORN, who acted as master of ceremonies.

The two principal things to be done were the awarding of the several trophies of achievement to chapters and individuals by the National President, and the pinning on of three Past National President's gold medals. Each of these is reported as a separate article elsewhere.

Other incidents of the dinner were the presentation to Pres. LEN MALONEY of a diamond YD pin by JIM HURLEY, acting for New York Chapter, and the giving out of Certificates of Merit to the members of the Convention Committee who were unable to be present at the Friday or Saturday meetings.

A swell wind-up to a swell Convention.

THE SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Every one who registered and attended the Worcester Convention received as part of his registration the big Souvenir Program of the Convention. This year, for the first time, the Souvenir Program was issued as a regular number of YANKEE DOINGS, taking the place of the regular June number. Consequently it was imperative that a copy reach the hands of every member, whether or not he attended the Convention. This was taken care of by mailing out copies to members who did not attend the Convention. In some cases members may have received a copy at the Convention and another in the mail. If you received two and do not need the second one, pass it along to some YD man who,—either because he joined too late to be on the mailing list, or for some other reason, did not receive one.

The agreement between National Hq. and the Worcester Convention Committee read to the effect that every member on the roles as of June 1, 1936, would receive a copy, either at the Convention or in the mail. This has been carried out. However, over 500 members joined up during the month of June, and of these 500, it is quite likely that not over one half attended the Convention. Therefore perhaps several hundred readers of these lines have not received a copy of this beautiful Souvenir Number. The publishers wish that it were possible to offer a free copy for the asking, but this cannot be done, as, under the terms of the contract with the Convention Committee, only members on the roles on June 1 re entitled to a copy. This is perfectly fair, as a nan's membership does not start until the date he joins, and if he joined after a certain issue of the magazine had gone to press, his subscription really starts with the next number.

However, copies are available. National Hq. has on hand 200 copies; 100 of which have been purchased outright from the Convention Committee, and the other 100 on consignment. In order to clear expenses, a price of 50 cents a copy must be asked, plus postage. As the weight of the magazine brings it under the parcel post rates, amount of postage will vary, but an average of 10c will cover all cases. So, if you want a copy of this Souvenir Program, please send 60 cents to the Secretary, and a copy will be forwarded to you.

For those who have not seen it, it is well worth the price, a beautifully arranged magazine on heavy coated paper, 78 pages, each 9 by 12 inches, with stiff cover. The cover illustration, in three color process is a reproduction of the winning drawing in a competition held in the Worcester public schools. There are many pages of illustrations of the fellas on the Convention Committee, of your National officers; special articles giving the history of the wartime 26th Division, and a poem by BEN PITMAN, of Stamford, entitled "The Ghost Battalions", worthy of Kipling in his heydey, and alone worth the price of the magazine.

Much of the credit for this splendid publication should go to RAY ROSSEEL, Chm. of the Souvenir Program Committee, whose Washington Press in Worcester printed the magazine.

If you want a copy for 60 cents, speak up.

GETTING THE CHAPTER HABIT

Time was when a YD Convention sort of naturally fell into line as units of the old wartime Division; the infantry, the artillery and whatnot; regiment by regiment. Of course, it will always be true that groups who fought together will be found closest together at any reunion.

But with the growth of the Chapter system, old lines are breaking down. Men come to a Convention now as a Chapter, a geographical unit rather than a wartime unit. It is bound to be this way. It is the only way a permanent, year-round organization can be kept together, and the only way that plans for convention activities can be made in advance. Take one of the old regiments for instance; where are its members today? Scattered from coast to coast. There is no way to plan for a get-together of the regiment without writing a thousand letters. But a local Chapter is a different affair: they meet all through the winter and spring, know one another, make their plans, and come in a body.

Connecticut has started something with its official state uniform; and one of the peculiar effects of being in YD uniform was noted in Worcester, in that it seemed to make 'em stick even more closely together.

DOINGS wishes it could tell each Chapter's own story of the Convention; but space doesn't permit. In addition to the natty Connecticut group, each of the 16 Chapters in identical uniforms but with distinctive hat markings; there was New York in their unique tropical pith helmets; New Bedford with their pale blue trousers and deep blue coats; Salem which brought along the famous Bagpipe Band of that city; Nashua in a uniform of their own devising; Portland, all fitted out in togs of its own, and so on all the way down the line. Scarcely a Chapter but what was dressed uniformly if not in what could be strictly called a uniform. And it's only the beginning—only *the* BEGINNING!

NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENTS RECEIVE GOLD MEDAL

Following the custom instituted one year ago, three more Past National Presidents of the YD Veterans Association received the official Past President's Gold Medal at the Worcester Convention.

The presentations were made at the Sunday afternoon dinner tendered to the incoming and outgoing National officers.

Past National President GEORGE R. ELLIOT (104th Inf.) (1923-1924) was presented with his medal by the National Secretary, PHIL SANBORN. In bestowing the medal, the Secretary recalled the fact that GEORGE ELLIOT was the first president under whom he had served as Secretary, having since served in that capacity under every suceeding administration. George responded in a light and humorous vein.

He, in turn, then presented the medal of Past President to his predecessor in office, ARTHUR T. GOOD (101st Engrs.) of Boston, who held the office in 1922-23, asking all to take notice that his own was still pinned to his shirt, and that he wasn't just passing the same one around.

Outgoing National President LEN MALONEY received his medal at the hands of the incoming President, AL HERMAN, in a sincere address of appreciation for his leadership during the year.

Photograph at Left

MAJOR LEONARD J. MALONEY
Past National President
YD Veterans Association

THE FELLAS WHO PUT IT ACROSS

All rise! Right hand—SALUTE! Here are the boys who put on the YD's biggest time, in a BIG way: the Convention Committee:

General Chairman—JOSEPH H. GAUTHIER.
Secretary—EDWIN J. NOYES.
Treasurer—RAYMOND G. MANSFIELD.
Auditor—WILLIAM F. MURPHY.
Vice-Chairmen—CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, DANIEL A. JONES, THOMAS H. MCCARTHY, AUSTIN L. KENNEDY.

Honorary Vice-Chairmen—EX-MAYOR JOHN C. MAHONEY, CHIEF THOMAS F. FOLEY, EUGENE A. SISSON, DR. HOMER GAGE, DR. JOSEPH W. O'CONNOR, CHIEF CHARLES L. MCCARTHY.

Concessions—AUSTIN L. KENNEDY.
Clambake and Athletics—GEORGE W. JONES.
Decorations—CHARLES D. WEBSTER.
Drum Corps Contest—J. EMMETT RYAN.
First Aid—DR. OSCAR A. DUDLEY.
Housing—WALTER KANZ.
Liaison—JOHN J. BROSNIHAN.
Memorial—REV. WILLARD SMITH.
Ball—JOHN F. CROWLEY.
Poster and Dramatics—CHARLES P. RUGG.
Parades—BRIG.-GEN. WILLIAM I. ROSE.
Program—RAYMOND J. ROSSEEL.
Registration—SAMUEL S. SPENCE.
Reunions-Banquets—FRED A. JONES.
Transportation—SOUTHWORTH LANCASTER.
Distinguished Guests—SLATER WASHBURN.
Fireworks—ALPHONSE L. RAND.
Entertainment—FELIX L. LIBERTY.
Citizens—ROSCOE H. GODDARD.

AWARD OF TROPHIES

At the dinner tendered on Sunday afternoon to the incoming and outgoing National officers and Convention Committee chairmen at the Hotel Bancroft on the closing day of the Worcester Convention, five trophies for five distinct achievements were presented by the National President, LEN MALONEY.

1. The YD Membership Trophy, presented by New Haven Chapter for the Chapter in existence at the time of the New Haven Convention, showing the greatest percentage of increase in membership between the date of the New Haven Convention and the date of the Worcester Convention. Awarded to Worcester Chapter and received by Pres. CLYDE O. ELLIOT.

2. The General Clarence R. Edwards Trophy for Civic Achievement, presented to the Chapter with the most outstanding record in the civic affairs of its city or town. Awarded to Lynn Chapter, received by President JOHN T. SULLIVAN.

3. The Len Maloney Trophy, presented by Len Maloney to the individual member of any Department adjudged by the donor to have been most instrumental in promoting the growth and welfare of the Department. Awarded to DANIEL A. JONES of Shrewsbury, National V.P. at Large; received by Mr. JONES.

4. The Carroll J. Swan Trophy. Presented by the Y.D.V.A. to the largest new Chapter formed during the year. Awarded to Lowell Chapter, received by Secretary DORAN S. LYONS.

5. The Lyman Rollins Trophy, presented by the Y.D.V.A. to the individual member in a Chapter, most responsible for the growth of his own Chapter. Awarded to FRANK P. LEE of New Haven Chapter. Mr. Lee was not present to receive the award, having returned to New Haven on Saturday.

CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS

The usual convention bag of tricks was opened, and a few new ones hauled out. For example, one bird was having a great time halting all trolley cars to tell the motorman his headlight lens was dirty. Then with pail and sponge, he'd clean it off, to the delight of the spectators. If the motorman was good-natured, he'd be allowed to go on, but if he was grouchy, the man with the pail would simply sit down on the tracks in front of the car for a smoke.

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Inquiring for one fella (we'd hate to tell his name), we were informed he was up in his room—alone at that—making systematic trips from the bathroom faucet to the window with pitchers of water, which he proceeded to pour on "the ——— beLOW".

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The shortest-legged marcher in the parade was a duck—with little shoes on his webbed feet—and he went the distance at that! His owner is a vet from Arizona, hiking to Togus, Maine, to get his teeth fixed free at the Soldiers' Home.

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Another bunch in a restaurant staged a pillow fight with a twenty-pound bag of flour. Ah me!

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And who was the noisy bimbo from Fitchburg shouting in the comparatively deserted lobby of the Bancroft on Sunday morning: "Who wants to know me? Is there anybody here'd like to know me!"

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That damn cannon from Portland made more confounded racket than all the sunrise guns and the air raid combined.

Probably a better imitation of a mad-house than any ever seen on the stage was the lobby of the Hotel Bancroft at almost any hour. Through the incessant din, without losing a step, members of the Convention Committee kept things running smoothly from their debris-littered abri in Room 104, as well as at the registration and sales counter in the lobby.

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Heroes deserving of a D. S. C. were such workers as JOE GAUTHIER, TED NOYES, SAM SPENCE, WALTER KANZ, AUSTIN KENNEDY, BILL MURPHY, JACK CROWLEY, JACK KING, and all the rest of the squadron to whom Convention is spelled in four letters W-O-R-K! And in the same category, GUY WATTS who conducted the sales counter for YD berets and flags in the Bancroft lobby. And two young lads who were in short pants when the YD went across: Earl Norlin and Bill Hamilton, employed by the Y. D. V. A. to take in the new members as they filed by the registration desk.

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Some there may have been who had fairer partners at the Ball, but none seemed to get quite the degree of fun enjoyed by the bird who danced from 10:00 till 2:00 with a broom.

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It was a toss-up which outfit was the greatest crowd-gatherer; the Heinie brass umpah band or the kiltie clad bag-pipers from Salem. Both were hot stuff.

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Oh well, sidelights could go on forever. For every humorous incident we could tell here, you saw ten yourself. Wot a Convention.

REGIMENTAL AND COMPANY REUNIONS

It is impossible for DOINGS to give anything like an account of the scores of regimental and company reunion dinners held in Worcester on Friday and Saturday nights. It seemed as if about every outfit in the old Division was holding a dinner some place or other. All private dining rooms at the Bancroft were taken, many at other hotels, besides a dozen or more of the principal restaurants.

Although your reporter attended only the reunion of his own company, he knows from experience and intuition that every one was just like every other one, except perhaps in size. This is the time during a Convention when "good fellows get together". Old familiar faces, and the old anecdotes, stories and songs are hauled out of the moth balls.

Probably the largest outfit banquet was that of the 104th Infantry in the main Ball Room of the Bancroft on Saturday evening, attended by more than 500 persons, including members of the regiment and their wives. Gen. Edmund J. Slate acted as master of ceremonies; and speakers were Cong. BILLY CONNERY; Nat. Pres. LEN MALONEY; Gen. ALFRED FOOTE; Rev. GEORGE S. L. CONNOR, and others. Much of the credit for such a large turn-out should go to LARRY WAGNER, permanent adjutant of the 104th Veterans Association, and GUY WATTS, Commander, who made complete advance preparations.

From this, the reunions ran all the way down the scale to little detachments of eight or ten old cronies, sitting together in a restaurant booth. But the spirit was the same at each and all—a spirit of merriment and revelry. "The gang's all here; and that's what a Convention is for". What memories such moments bring forth!

PRIZE AWARDS TO BANDS AND DRUM CORPS

The Florence Rangers Band of Gardner and the Marlboro American Legion drum corps won first prizes in the band and senior drum corps competition during the YD parade.

Each organization received a check for $200. The $100 check for the best junior corps in competition went to the Girls' Cadets of the St. Mary's School, Brookline, who had a perfect score.

Sixty-eight bands and drum corps entered the three divisions of competition.

A special prize of $25 for the corps having traveled the greatest distance was awarded the Great Barrington Legion group.

Other prize winners:

Bands—Concord Post, No. 158, A. L., second; First Corps Cadets, Boston, third.

Senior Drum Corps—St. Agnes' Fife and Drum Corps, Providence, second; Post 21, American Legion, Springfield, third.

Junior Corps—Canterbury Street School, Worcester, second; YD Junior Corps, Boston, third.

Second and third prizes for both bands and seniors were $100 and $75 respectively. Second junior prize was $50 and third $25.

FINE WORK BY WORCESTER POLICE

During the three days of the YD Convention, Worcester's "finest" had a man-sized job cut out for them, handling traffic, keeping things moving, preventing accidents, knowing what to see and what not to see. And no one can say they didn't come through with colors flying.

Orchids to Chief TOM FOLEY and his brawny force; they're a great crowd and they know their stuff. As smoothers of difficulties, whether in traffic or potential jams of other kinds, they'd be hard to beat.

WINDOW DISPLAYS

Many of the shop windows of Worcester attracted throngs to gaze upon special displays of war souvenirs, relics, etc. Particularly fine was that of "The Boston Store" on Main Street, with its collection of war maps, large picture of General EDWARDS, shoulder insignia of captured German soldiers, and the silver trophies which were later awarded on Sunday afternoon.

DECORATIONS

Talk about Paris after the Armistice! There may have been cities dressed in a more gala array of flags and buntings than Worcester during the YD Convention, but we've never seen 'em. Just a shimmering, glistening sea of color, from end to end is the only way to describe it. Streets lined with serried ranks of YD banners, pennants, streamers, posters, flags and bunting. Every shop window with a Welcome sign; nearly every one with the official "YD Advertiser" displayed, showed the cooperation the Committee received from the citizens and storekeepers of the city.

A beautiful job by CHARLIE WEBSTER'S committee, worthy of the occasion.

WHAT WORCESTER THOUGHT OF THE YD

To even begin to quote the articles and editorials printed not only in Worcester, but in Boston and New York papers as well, in commendation of the behavior of the vets of the Yankee Division would tax the space available in YANKEE DOINGS far beyond its capacity.

There was fun; wild, riotous, whooping, slambanging fun, at all hours of the day and night. But nobody appeared to have a grain of malice in their make-up. No one set out deliberately to destroy, pilfer or smash up anything either animate or inanimate. The total amount of damage reported in the city amounted to $25.00!

NEWS COVERAGE OF CONVENTION

If you were one of the unfortunates unable to be in Worcester during the Convention, do not expect to get anything like the full picture from this copy of YANKEE DOINGS. It just can't be done my friends. For four days, the Worcester newspapers gave anywhere from four to six full pages to the Convention alone, with scores upon scores of pictures, and a one inch YD cut set at the head of each column, ending with a special illustrated magazine supplement of just the Convention.

If you want the story in all its details, it may not be too late to get a copy of some of these daily papers. Drop a line, sending two bits or so to either the Worcester Telegram, Worcester Gazette, or Worcester Post, and name the dates you want. We don't know how many they have on hand, but they are hot stuff, and the YD here and now wants to thank Worcester newshawks for a swell job.

BELATED CREDIT

Many who read the June Convention Number may have wondered who the modest genius may have been who dashed off the ringing verses "The Ghost Battalions", which appeared anonymously. The unsung Kipling, comrades, was BEN PITMAN (Hq. 26th Div.) of Stamford and New York, one of the strongest boosters and hardest workers in the new Y.D.V.A., both in the New York Chapter and in the Department of Connecticut.

He has not asked for this belated credit, but here it is anyhow.

THAT PRE-CONVENTION PROHIBITION PUBLICITY

It was suggested by a member, half in fun, half in earnest, that a Divisional Certificate of Merit be awarded to Mrs. Amanda Peterson of Worcester, who, as head of a temperance organization, gave the Convention its biggest publicity boost along in May by petitioning the City Council to close all liquor stores during the Convention. The Council responded by granting all stores authority to keep open one hour later than usual "to accommodate the increased business." Whereupon—so it is rumored—Mrs. Peterson asked Worcester to pray for the boys. Anyhow, the whole incident broke in papers all over New England in a splurge of publicity that couldn't have been bought. And, be it said to their credit, the old YD behaved on the whole a darn sight better than a good many other groups at a big Convention. Many newspapers, including those in Lowell and Boston editorially commented on the unwarranted insult and commended the men for their good behavior.

Alongside the above, the request of the Veterans of Future Wars to be allowed to march in the parade aroused but little furore in the line of a pre-convention steam-up.

CONVENTION ATMOSPHERE

Being a Few Assorted Clippings From Worcester Papers.

Saturday Night

They staged as noisy a celebration as Worcester has seen since war days.

Winding in and out of restaurants and hotel lobbies, snake-dancing through sidewalk crowds, the bands carried on their gorilla warfare amid the boisterous throngs.

Once the YD got to marching it wasn't going to stop.

The expected exodus from the city did not occur.

Hotels where veterans checked out had four applicants for every vacancy.

Into the night the battle raged.

This division never lost an inch of ground. It never retreated.

It certainly didn't retreat nor relax its attack last night.

Instead, it held the city captive, ran riot in the streets, stopped traffic, flowed sluggishly along the sidewalks, skirmished in every open space.

The tension rose as hours passed. This was living —wild exuberant, whooping, hollering living.

Ten thousand men had marched in that parade. Three thousand of them were YD men.

Some of them had paunches. Some curveted like chargers. Some limped. Some staggered. Some were the same trim figures they were 19 years ago.

Monday Morning

The dogs and cats came out from under the sofas last night. The milkman's horse resumed its normal gait. The harassed look on the faces of police officers during the past two days were replaced by one of serenity. Their features were almost cherubic.

The YD men had packed their pajamas and their toothbrushes, and like the tent-folding Arabs, had silently stolen away.

A straggler, crossing the Common, ran his fingers through his hair in a puzzled manner. The scene about him was one of pastoral calm. No bombs bursting in the air, no shouting, no tumult.

Even a few peals of thunder during a brief summer shower, in contrast to the Convention's cacaphony, seemed as soft-toned as a puff-ball solo on a muffled drumhead.

"Gee!" exclaimed the straggler, "this silence is nerve-wracking."

ADVERTISING RATES
IN
YANKEE DOINGS
SENT ON REQUEST

THE Y. D. V. A.'s GREATEST YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE

With the Worcester Convention marking the end of one regime and the beginning of another, the YD Veterans Association finds itself a vastly different organization than it was a year ago. Larger in numbers, better organized in Chapters, more crystallized in purpose, more enthusiastic in all activities, with a score of hard working leaders of Departments and areas out in the field where formerly there were but one or two, it was definitely "arrived".

Much remains to be done but the ground work has been laid. A new and more comprehensive, constructive, flexible and forward-looking Constitution has been adopted which sets up an articulated organization of Chapters and Departments. A brief, dignified and impressive ritual for the conduct of meetings and the initiation of new members has been adopted, and will be printed in the handbooks with the new Constitution.

A program of mutual helpfulness and civic responsibility has met with instant approval and enthusiasm in dozens of cities and towns.

The method by which growth can be attained has been discovered, tried and found workable. The task from now on should be easy; simply to extend the program of personal visits on the part of the national and state leaders into still further territory. Much remains to be accomplished in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island. Connecticut and Massachusetts are well organized, although many more towns in the latter should boast a Chapter before another year rolls around.

The influx of members, both re-ups and first-timers since mid-May has all but swamped your National Secretary, who, at times has had to employ as many as four assistants to keep abreast of the work.

As published in the May number of DOINGS, on May 19, the Association had a total of 1,456 paid-up members. On July 13, it had a total of 2,825, almost double in two months. This beats the all-time high of 2,250 by over 25%.

This tremendous influx has come from all over the map. A few of the more astounding examples are:

	On May 19	On July 13
Boston	196	384
New Haven	101	233
Lawrence	3	71
New Bedford	10	39
Worcester	38	134
Keene	5	34
Hartford	65	121
Manchester, N. H.	15	52
New Britain	4	55
Lynn, Mass.	79	133
Manchester, Conn.	6	28
New York City	84	120

Below is published the standing by Chapters, as of July 13.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING BY CHAPTERS AS OF JULY 13, 1936

MAINE	
Lewiston	20
Portland	32
Waterville	2
At Large	34
TOTAL	88
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Concord	22
Keene	34
Manchester	52
Nashua	25
At Large	24
TOTAL	157
VERMONT	
Rutland	11
At Large	16
TOTAL	27
MASSACHUSETTS	
Attleboro	12
Boston	384
Brockton	30
Clinton	20
Fitchburg	66
Holyoke	14
Lawrence	71
Lowell	142
Lynn	133
Milford	36
New Bedford	39
Northampton	11
Plymouth	10
Salem	25
Springfield	33
Webster-Dudley	20
Worcester	134
At Large	133
TOTAL	1313
RHODE ISLAND	
At Large	52
TOTAL	52
CONNECTICUT	
Bridgeport	46
Bristol	69
Hartford	121
Manchester	28
Meriden	40
Middletown	24
New Britain	55
New Haven	233
New Milford	7
Norwalk	39
Stamford	34
Terryville	18
Valley	16
Wallingford	16
Waterbury	49
Willimantic	16
At Large	23
TOTAL	834
OUTSIDE NEW ENGLAND	
Chicago	29
Los Angeles	22
Newark	16
New York	120
Washington	33
At Large	134
TOTAL	354
GRAND TOTAL	2825

(Exclusive of Life Members)

THE NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE Y. D. V. A.

By what qualification were the men chosen whom you elected in Worcester to lead the Association through the coming year?

Elsewhere you will find an article, "Who is Al Herman?" In it DOINGS has attempted to set forth the new National President's qualifications for high office; his zealous enthusiasm, his persuasive sincerity, his record of achievement in a narrower field, and above all his utter loyalty and integrity.

How about the others?

As National Chaplain, Father OSIAS BOUCHER of Fall River steps into an office which has twice before been proffered to him and modestly declined. It has been the practice of the Association to alternate each year a Catholic and a Protestant clergyman in the office of National Chaplain. As chaplain of the 101st Infantry, most closely connected with the Second Battalion, Father BOUCHER earned an affection akin to love among the men. Every year since the war, as devoutly as pilgrims to Mecca, the men of the Battalion have journeyed to Fall River to attend a memorial mass in his Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Of French descent, priest of a French speaking parish, Father BOUCHER combines the bluff, intimate, homely way of the French parish priest with a deep understanding of the good to be found in all men.

As National Treasurer you re-elected LEA REDFIELD, old top sergeant of F Company, 101st Engineers. It is an axiom that a man who can't make a success of his own affairs can never make a success for an organization. Red has been conspicuously successful in business by his diligence to the task in hand, his willingness to see all sides of any question, and then to reason through to a logical conclusion. He is accustomed to questions of finance and the way in which business men handle them. As real estate officer of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co., he occupies a position of importance and trust. Add to all that, the fact that Y. D. V. A. is his pet hobby, and that he would rather travel 200 miles of an evening to attend a YD meeting than go to anything except a hockey game, and you have pretty close to the ideal treasurer.

For Judge Advocate you elected Past National President C. BIRD KEACH of Providence, an office which he has heretofore held by appointment, made an elective office under the new Constitution. An attorney by profession, who, in the past few years has made rapid progress and a wide recognition, BIRD is perhaps most distinguished by an unerring sense of justice. Those who witnessed his masterly rendering of the report of the committee on the new Constitution at Worcester, his unwillingness to have any provision, even if he favored it himself, adopted until fully understood by everyone, need no further demonstration of his capacity to fill the office of Judge Advocate.

For Historian, the Association selected RAY KINCAID of Bristol, Conn. RAY is a fella you wouldn't notice in a crowd, but in a group of three or four, you'd find yourself irresistibly attracted to his quiet and courteous manner, his level-headed, judicious consideration of whatever subject might be under discussion. He is by nature a "paper-work" man, one who likes to see things in order, likes to put them in order. He has taken the job of Historian seriously as you will read in his report to the Convention.

ROYAL K. HAYES of Lowell was re-elected Americanization Officer. Or rather he was elected to that office which he formerly held by appointment. When it comes to an Americanization Officer, one always thinks first of HAYES. A forceful orator, his fury against any anti-American activity or group knows no bounds. He is too well known to readers of DOINGS through his bulletins which have appeared during the past year to need any introduction.

Two new officers were created by the new Constitution: National Sgt.-at-Arms, and National Service Officer. For sergeant-at-arms, the Convention selected DENNIS BRUNTON of Springfield. The duties of a sergeant-at-arms are not great except once a year at the Annual Convention. He will however be a part of the National President's staff in installing officers of new Chapters formed during the year, as his function forms an important part of the ritual for that ceremony. DENNY BRUNTON comes with the unanimous endorsement of Springfield Chapter as a man for whom all have great trust and admiration.

The new Service Officer, the first the Association has ever had, is ERNIE PARENT of Worcester. ERNIE is a natural born service officer. He eats, drinks and sleeps "cases", "compo", "welfare". Although he has never been heard to boast of having a bigger heart than another, or higher-minded motives; for some reason or other, best known to himself, he seems to have dedicated his life to helping the sick and unemployed veterans, in hospitals and out. And he gets results! Hopping from Rutland to Newington to Northampton to Bedford to Chelsea to the Bureau in Boston, his life seems to be a continuous round of hospitals and rating boards. And yet he has time to bring in an unfailing quota of new members every week, and start the germ of a new Chapter here and there with startling regularity.

The Vice Presidents—the Field Commanders! The men upon whom everything depends, the men be-

cause of whom a whole state is a success or a failure. What of them?

Maine has ELTON P. WALKER, a carry-over from the present year. Traveling throughout the state, "E. P." keeps a bunch of application blanks, YANKEE DOINGS, and charter applications in his car, and woe to a luckless YD non-member who tries to slip from his grasp.

EARLE L. WILLIAMS, V. P. for New Hampshire, is unknown to your reporter; but comes with the highest recommendation of his home Chapter in Nashua. He also travels, and has pledged his best efforts to weld New Hampshire into a smooth functioning Department.

The V. P. for Vermont, ARTHUR FOOTE, is the hustling, go-getting Secretary of Rutland Chapter, the man who, perhaps more than any other has kept the fire burning in this one bright spot in the Green Mountain state. Of late he has been interesting men in nearby towns in the Y. D. V. A. At least three or four Chapters are just ready to burst into being, and the Association waits confidently for ARTHUR to touch the match to the fuse.

Massachusetts has chosen RAY DOUCETTE of Lynn. Darned if we know where to begin to tell about this fella. If it hadn't been for RAY and a half dozen others, the YD Club of Lynn would still be a bunch of local boys getting together to have a good time. Just a natural born plugger with a million-dollar smile and a "YD" tattooed on his heart: that's RAY. If ever a worker deserved promotion, RAY is the man. He has accepted what will be a year of hard work and sacrifice as he has accepted every other detail aimed his way.

In Rhode Island, the boys wanted Col. BILL MULCAHEY, and they got him. We know BILL but slightly, but a man must have what it takes to inspire such spontaneous and unanimous enthusiasm as greeted his election in Worcester. He has a tough job, he starts almost from scratch. He will bring Rhode Island into the picture.

Connecticut named BILL THOMPSON of Bristol, who will not only be National V. P. for the state, but President of the Department of Connecticut. Ever since YD got its toe-hold in Connecticut about two years ago, BILL has been one of the mainstays. At every state meeting, at every meeting of his own Chapter (of which he was first President), he still found plenty of time to visit other Chapters all over the state, and was the logical choice of the Department for its leader when AL HERMAN stepped up to the Number 1 place. Furthermore, so far as personality is concerned, we'd like to meet the man who has ever met BILL THOMPSON and not liked him.

Under the new Constitution, Vice Presidents at Large are done away with; the rest of the known world outside New England (for whatever it is worth!) is known as the Seventh Department. A better name for this Department will have to be devised. As V.P. of this Department, the Convention elected WALTER D. CROWELL of Chicago; first President of Chicago Chapter. This is the first time Chi. has had a national officer and to show that Walter has no idea of taking the assignment as an empty honor, he has already dropped in to National Hq. for a list of the Chapters in his department, their officers, the names of cities where a Chapter might be formed, the names of all YD men in Detroit, and a few dozen other miscellaneous bits of information to aid him in hitting his stride.

That leaves only the "dog's tail"; the three men who are known as "additional members of the Executive Committee". But do not get the idea they have nothing to do. Between Conventions the Executive Committee runs the Y. D. V. A., and the three men chosen this year show that just as much thought goes into their selection as into those with more high-sounding titles. JIM HURLEY of New York is an ace sports writer with all the breezy cosmopolitanism that goes with his craft and his native habitat. He probably knows more people than most of the rest of us put together. He and a half-dozen others made New York Chapter what she is today, just about the most active, go-getting group in the YD panorama. BUCK FREEMAN of Boston is one of the old stand-byes of many a YD campaign: he has been an officer of the Y. D. V. A. before: he has been on the Governing Board of the Boston Club: he has seen good times and bad and always stuck with the ship. His experience in days gone by should count for much in meetings of the Executive Committee. GEORGE FRENCH of Nashua has always been a tower of strength in veteran affairs of his city, a man whose advise if taken is pretty sure to be wise, a diligent worker for the YD, at present President of Nashua Chapter.

There you have 'em fellas. Give 'em a cheer, and give 'em a bit of sympathy too. They've got to work for nothing but the joy of working. Get behind them and make their task easier.

—P. N. S.

THE NEXT NUMBER OF YANKEE DOINGS

In accordance with the schedule of other years, this August Number is published early in the month rather than toward the end of the month, in order to divide more evenly the period between the June Number and the September Number, there being no July Number.

The next issue following this will go to press on the day after Labor Day, September 8. Your Secretary and editor expects to be on vacation from Saturday, August 22, to Monday, September 7. For the convenience of those desiring information, rosters, lists of members, names of Chapter officers, or answers to questions of one sort or another, it is suggested that communications be addressed to the Secretary prior to August 22; otherwise there may be unavoidable delay.

TWO VIEWS OF SAME SUBJECT

IN REJOINDER

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

Just a small reply to ROLAND D. HUSSEY of Los Angeles. I used to belong out here and all of them know me.

You are "All Wet", Roland; the YD has not asked for any "Teachers' Oath", nor has it used the word "un-American" with reference to the *anti-social, unpatriotic* and *subsersive* activities of Harvard, Princeton and Columbia undergraduates. The YD has only applied these three words to their activities in strict dictionary meaning.

If you, Roland, think that raising the red flag of communism over the Supreme Court building in Washington does not fully deserve these descriptive words you are "out of step" with the YDVA.

If you, Roland, think that the "veterans of future wars" merits to be described as a patriotic and wholesome expression of college activities you are "out of step" with the YDVA.

If you, Roland, think that the attempt of Columbia undergraduates, 550 of them led by a professor, to break up a formal, authorized ceremony of the ROTC does not merit the description, then you, Roland, are "out of step" with the YDVA.

You are also "out of step" with many groups of the American Legion and many groups of the VFW. You are "out of step" with the dictionary, Buddy.

All we have asked is that educational institutions express their disapproval of such anti-social, unpatriotic and subversive conduct by students, faculty or employees of such institutions, and that they, themselves, investigate such actions and impose proper disciplinary measures.

We take the liberty, as an organization, to express the opinion that institutions which fail to do this are not fit to receive and train our children; and we pledge ourselves not to enroll our children in an institution that fails to take such action.*

No doubt you will admit that we have a right to our opinion, and to act upon it.

If you, Roland, uphold these acts, you are no doubt within your legal rights (in time of peace; in time of war it would be different); but we have no doubt you, in your heart, apply the same words to them that we have applied in the Resolutions adopted by the National Convention. We are not asking for new laws, nor for "Teachers Oaths", but we are asking that teachers who use their positions to promote anti-social, unpatriotic and subversive propaganda against the social order under which we live, against institutions we hold dear, and against a basic element of the National Defense

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ANOTHER VIEW

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

The Convention issue of YANKEE DOINGS, forwarded from my home in Connecticut, has just reached me. Congratulations to Chairman Gauthier and his various committees for having made the Worcester gathering such a splendid success.

I was particularly interested in reading the communication of Mr. ROLAND D. HUSSEY from California, as well as the succinct remarks of "Minnie-la-Tour" from Portland, Maine, and the effusion of "OLD BILL" ADAMS.

I think we will all agree that the organization known as "Future Gold Star Mothers" is in exceedingly bad taste. Anything which might add further grief to the already heavy burden of sorrow of those dear ladies who lost their sons in the World War, is an act of irreverence and should be summarily squelched. Instead of the whipping-post cure suggested by our Portland friend, the good old-fashioned home treatment of spanking might be just as effective.

As to the Veterans of Future Wars, we are thin-skinned indeed when we become indignant over such a movement. I believe that the thought behind the thing is calculated more to promote peace rather than any ridicule of veterans' organizations. And because they have the courage to put up sales-resistance to the ballyhoo and propaganda which is the stock-in-trade of the war-makers, they are not necessarily "pansies" or "cream-puffs" or "china dolls." I dare say that if the occasion demands it and they are called upon to bear arms, they will acquit themselves just as creditably as have any average group of American soldiers. And whether or not we can see any good in the so-called Future Vets, surely the colleges and universities themselves should not be condemned because of some act on the part of a minority of the student body. Wasn't there a chap named Alvin York who didn't want to fight, but who turned out to be one of the greatest two-fisted fighters in the World War?

Some one once remarked that every man ought to nourish one or two hearty prejudices in order to stiffen his moral fiber. My "pet hate" includes those big brawny men who recline in barber chairs and thrust out from under the aprons huge ham-like hands so that a petite manicurist can beautify their nails. Isn't it carrying this prejudice business a bit too far when we as ex-soldiers assume a lofty and intolerant attitude towards those who have not worn the uniform? We weren't professional soldiers; now

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IN REJOINDER

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(ROTC), *be fired upon due conviction after proper investigation by the regular authorities of their institutions.* We just don't want our boys and girls taught by people who use their position as teachers to promote such propaganda. Are we within our right, or are we?

—JOHN H. PARKER,
Colonel U.S.A., Retired

*In the interests of accuracy, YANKEE DOINGS must call attention to the fact that the resolution pledging "not to enroll our children in an institution that fails to take such action"; although adopted by New Haven Chapter, was NOT adopted by the YD Veterans Association in National Convention. (See "Resolutions" in this number.)

Beyond that point of facts, DOINGS takes no official part in the current controversy, beyond the statement that both Mr. HUSSEY'S, and Colonel PARKER'S statements represent their own views.

ANOTHER VIEW

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that we are veterans, let's not lose our amateur standing. Out of some 120,000,000 million people in the United States, we veterans constitute approximately one-thirtieth of the total number, and it is not inconceivable that the others do not see eye to eye with us on debatable questions.

In conclusion, please let me say that I am sure no one will give any serious thought to Mr. Hussey's intimation that he may get himself thrown out of the YDVA for anything said in his letter. If we can more closely approach the proper sense of balance through an exchange of ideas, let us have more of these communications.

Sincerely,
GEORGE W. CARROLL,
Member, YDVA
P. C. Vigneulles Post
Waterbury, Conn.

A. PIATT ANDREW

Death has taken from the arena of American public life a fearless soldier, a patron of arts, a lover of all that is beautiful, a dreamer of dreams,—a gallant gentleman. Would that it were the task of some one else to tell of his passing. The world is a poorer place; it can ill afford to lose such a man as Colonel A. Piatt Andrew, and though weeks have passed, and we were in his company but few times, the sadness remains. A friend has gone in whom was glimpsed rare depths of an intellect and a culture which could encompass the unfolding pageant of world history, was unruffled by the turbulent waters of a changing present, as he sought and treasured the most beautiful works and the most noble aspirations of men of all ages and all lands.

The newspapers told of his fame in many fields. Yes, he served his nation well; as professor of economics at Harvard, as Undersecretary of the Treasury, as Director of the Mint, as a Representative in Congress, as Colonel of the American Ambulance Corps, in front line service for years before the United States entered the war. It told of his decorations, of the esteem in which he is held in France, of his acquaintance with the great of many lands.

But we prefer to see him as the gracious host at his beautiful estate on Eastern Point in Gloucester, as he recounts the story of this or that precious souvenir of ancient France with which he had surrounded himself. Bits of history — legend and tradition — a loving touch upon this object or that—almost a caress, as the flood of erudition pours effortlessly and unassumingly forth. We prefer to see him as he joyously proffers his services to two uninitiated buck privates of the Yankee Division all at sea in the wonders of Paris, to be their guide for a day and a night. Such a guide! To what little-known nooks and crannies abounding in ancient lore. We prefer to see him on the platform of the YD Club in Boston, in jovial mood, as he and General CHARLIE COLE render the "Froth Blowers Song", to the delight of France's General Passaga.

The salty sea-blown fog from the far off Banks rolls in over the picturesque wharves and tangled riggings of a hundred deep water fishing schooners along the Gloucester waterfront. The helmsman cast in bronze, hands clenched to the wheel, still looks out to where the sky meets the sea.

High on the hill, in a remote little square, the sky above is blue, deepening to purple as the last rays of the sun depart from the heroic statue of the Maid of Orleans on her charger. Can this be America? Such little squares are found in the fishing villages of France, Cherbourg, Dieppe. The only sound, the bed-time song of a robin, as a thousand men and women face the balcony of a stately white building, the American Legion home. There hang two wreaths, one from the House of Representatives of the United States, one from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Around the base of the statue in the center of the square, great masses of other flowers reach nearly to the hoofs of the prancing horse overhead.

From within the building, a soul-stirring volume of symphonic music, full throated in lament. Then on through moods where Valkyries ride; where never-ending columns of little men in horizon blue fill the horizon; where realms of beauty are pure tone alone without words, without thought. A rabbi steps to the balcony railing in the sad chant of ancient Israel, a priest intones the litany of his

Church, a Protestant clergyman reads from Holy Scripture.

In the gray of early evening the multitude stand uncovered. Here are notables whose country is the whole world, over there are strong, bronzed faces of Portuguese fishermen from the banks, on the other hand, a group in the blue uniform of the American Legion. Within the building is no mourning crepe or flower-banked casket. Only a splendid oil portrait of the man who is gone as he appeared when he lived. He asked that it be that way.

The flag is run from half staff up to the peak and gently lowered. Taps from the balcony, to be echoed from the north, south, east and west. The salty fog rolls heavier: wafting away into a more boundless infinity than even his deep dreams had visioned the soul of a noble gentleman.

PARK AND BEACH DEDICATED TO YD MEN

On Sunday, July 12, Foley Beach and Lynch Park, at Horn Pond, in Woburn, Mass., were dedicated in honor of EDWARD C. FOLEY and CHARLES H. LYNCH, both members of F Company, 101st Infantry, who were killed in action near Chateau Thierry. The dedication address was delivered by Mayor Edward W. Kenney. Other speakers were Col. Arthur A. Hansen of Lawrence, former Captain of F. Company, and JOHN J. MAGUIRE of Watertown, former First Sergeant.

FLASH! NATIONAL PRESIDENT INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Just as DOINGS was sliding to press, news came from Norwalk, Conn., that the President of the Y. D. V. A. was injured on Monday, July 13, in an auto accident at Darien, Conn., on his way to attend an outdoor meeting, dog-roast and keg-party of Stamford Chapter. Fortunately his injuries were slight, and he is back on the job again as traffic officer in Norwalk.

TRENCHES

By ROYAL K. HAYES

National Americanization Officer, YDVA

You can talk of war and glory
When you're reading some fool story,
And you're sitting in your chair of ease,
In your home where pleasant things abound;
And where your friends are all around,
And you can do just as you care or please.

I am no seer; yet listen here
To just a little word of mine
About those books you hold so dear,
That you read to waste the time.
War in books may all be glory,
But war in the trenches is another story.

For this is the book that is not pleasant to read;
So let's follow the pages to where they may lead.
They take us over hill and over dale,
And now, kind reader, don't turn pale,
But tell us if it's like all books of glory,
As each page you turn of this hideous story.

The "Boys in the Trenches" is the name of the story,
And by the look on your face it is far from glory,
Your face is as white as the death color paint,
And I hope to God, man, you're not going to faint,
But read aloud and to us the story tell
Of the boys who fought in the trenches of hell.

The trenches are filled with a human flood—
Some dead, some dying, all mangled, all blood.
While over their heads goes that damnable noise
Which makes raving idiots of our noble boys.
Up in the heavens are men who strive
To drop bombs which will bury alive—
Machine gun bullets pouring,
Howitzer shells go roaring,
While the space above with grenades is drilled,
And the air with chlorine gas is filled.
Down it all comes with its hellish drench.
To drown in blood our boys in the trench.

As they wait for death, their thoughts may roam
To those left behind at home—sweet home.
God to the soldier must secretly tell,
That death is life, and earth is hell.
Fighting for nothing, paying with pain,
Smiling at death while playing the game.
This is a war tale, void of vain glory,
True to the trenches and more than a story.

Written under shell fire,
Toul, France, 1918.

LEGION OF THE MARNE

By ROYAL K. HAYES

National Americanization Officer, YDVA

Ten years pass like one night's sleep;
Time like an army moves steadily on,
The living soldiers have vowed to keep
Faith with the dead—Beyond the Marne.

River of blood (still in a trance),
Trying to forget as we journey on,
Shells — gas — mud — dead, "somewhere in France"
Our buddies are waiting—Beyond the Marne.

Time heals wounds of earth and man;
Change, like nature, moves on and on,
Fate moulds events to some great plan,
The wheat now grows—Beyond the Marne.

The Legion of the dead are not asleep;
An army in France is carrying on!
Marching forever in order to keep
Faith with the living—Beyond the Marne.

THE OLD NINTH MARCHES AGAIN

On Sunday, June 14, the veterans of the Old Fighting Ninth Mass. Regiment marched from the East Armory to the Colonel Cass statue in the Public Gardens, and thence to the Boston Common in a downpour of rain that marked the 75th Anniversary of the regiment.

The regiment of Irish born and Irish parented fighting men who received their baptism of fire May 27, 1862, at Hanover Courthouse, Va., marched then in a similar rain storm, and it was entirely fitting that the 101st Infantry, the successors of the Old Ninth, with 2,300 Guardsmen staged a regimental review in a storm that drenched officers and men.

Veterans who fought at Chemin des Dames, Toul Sector, St. Mihiel, Verdun, Cuba and Porto Rico greeted their younger brothers that rainy afternoon as the swords of Colonel Cass and Colonel Hanley, the Civil War commanders were presented by Colonel Harry Spencer of the First Corps Cadets and Dr. James Hanley. During this impressive ceremony the veterans of the World War and Spanish-American War, who fought under the colors and for the traditions of the scrappiest Irish regiment that ever fought under the Stars and Stripes, stood in a long line, facing their modern successors and custodians of their untarnished history.

Col. FRANCIS LOGAN, commander of the 101st Infantry, received the two swords which will be placed in the regimental museum and meeting place at the East Armory that will be open to all Ninth and 101st Inf. veterans.

Prior to this ceremony a wreath was placed on the Col. Cass statue by a fellow townsman of the writer, Francis J. Riley, the last surviving member of the Old Ninth of Civil War days and the last G. A. R. veteran in Cambridge.

At the banquet in the evening with the officers and men were Col. C. J. Anderson and Col. Wm. (Wild Bill) Donovan of the 69th Regiment, New York, a brother outfit of the 9th Mass. of Civil War days. These officers command the regiment in the 27th Division in France.

Governor Curley, Mayor Mansfield, Gen. ED. L. LOGAN, Gen. Sullivan and Col. FRANCIS V. LOGAN were speakers at the dinner. Col Donovan, whose picturesque career has made his name known throughout the country, preached a homily on the duty and the spirit of a soldier. "We again see diplomats booting away the peace that we fighting men have won," said Col. Donovan. "It might be asked what was the gain of the war, and what did it do to the spirit of the soldier.

"I like to remember what the war did for the soldier in broadening his viewpoint, particularly the soldiers of regiments such as ours, the Irish regiments. Coming from an oppressed people into a land of liberty, we Irish inherited a vague sense of inferiorty. We have not quite escaped that sense of inferiorty that was born in us during the oppressed years.

"This is what I first would like to see you young soldiers of the Irish regiments wipe off your souls. I would like to see you become broad men, filled with tolerance and understanding, with no oppressed bitterness in your souls."

Of the six colonels now living that commanded the regiment, five were represented, General SULLIVAN, General LOGAN, Gen. JOHN D. MURPHY, Gen. A. W. DESMOND. Gen. T. F. FOLEY was detained in Worcester by the death of Mayor Cookson.

Much credit for the success of the anniversary reunion is due to Gen. ED. LOGAN; the indefatigable chairman of the committee, Gen. THOMAS MURPHY, Gen. THOMAS FOLEY, Gen. SULLIVAN, Majors MCCARTHY, BREEN and BARRY, Capts. RILEY, KEEVENER, BLAKE, Lieut. BERT LANE; Sgts. LAWLER, GALLIGAN, MCNIFF and HALL.

—M. J. MOONEY, Secretary 9th Mass. Inf. Vteterans Association.

NO (M)'s FOR A WHILE ANYHOW

Commencing with this number, YANKEE DOINGS abandons its practice of several years of placing an (M) after the name of anyone who is a member of the Y.D.V.A. The reasons for this step are many. First of all, it has become a dickens of a job to check every name which appears in the entire issue, and holds up publication as much as a full day, particularly right now when we have so outgrown our filing system that the complete membership list is not available at one glance. (The filing system is being enlarged to take care of this situation).

Secondly, it makes awkward reading. Most of our readers have gotten used to it, but nevertheless it gives a printed page a cumbersome, cluttered-up appearance.

Another reason is it is tough on the linotyper, and doubtless a certain amount of time and money can be saved on the printing bills by leaving out the (M)s.

Perhaps the best reason of all is that it probably no longer serves any practical purpose. Originally it was hoped that members, seeing the name of some one they knew without the (M) would try to get him to join up. This has not proved true. Membership has been vastly increased, but by entirely different methods, notably that of organizing local groups into chapters.

Therefore there seems to be no good reason for carrying on this laborious, costly and awkward device any longer. If any readers feel strongly to the contrary, DOINGS would appreciate hearing from them.

MONTHLY REPORT OF NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER

At the Rutland Headquarters Hospital the past month there has been one thought in mind; a pass for the one and only YD Convention. All the veterans who were physically able to attend were present, in the better judgment of the officials at the hospital. Each and every veteran was allowed a pass for a length of time from five days to fifteen days.

During the Convention, but two men became ill. One was taken to Rutland Headquarters, while the other was taken to the Worcester City hospital for temporary care. Comrade MARSH who hails from Bristol, Conn., and Comrade ED. MORROW who came from New Bedford, Mass. Both are now doing very well.

Owing to the fact that I have several cases which I have been taking care of in the past six months, it will be necessary for me to ask all Commanders of YD Chapters to advise me of the names of their hospital committee chairman or their service officer. It will be a much easier task for me to communicate with them upon being furnished with this information, and I will in turn forward each one a form of instructions for hospital work.

I again request YD veterans to acquaint themselves with form No. 526; particularly all veterans who had been recipients of the D. A. and who were dropped from the Disability Allowance payrolls in 1933. Most cases have been found to be one of a worthy service-connected disability.

It will be at least one month before I will attempt to take on my general duty of National Service Officer. However, I am ready for any emergency.

All communications should be addressed to me at 106 Pleasant Street, Worcester, Mass.

ERNEST C. PARENT

ACTIVITIES OF THE YD JUNIORS

The YD Junior Bugle Corps marched in a body to the Memorial Services of Suffolk County, A. L., held at Fenway Park in memory of their departed comrades last month. On Sunday, May 24, the Juniors under the sponsorship of Brighton-Allston Post 17, A. L., attended the memorial services held by the G. A. R. in the Baptist Church of that district. After the services the entire group of Juniors were the guests of their comrade BILL FORBES at his home where dinner was served. A beautiful new banner symbolic of the Y. D. V. A. and American Legion was presented to the youngsters by the Brighton-Allston Post of the Legion and the citizens of Brighton and Allston.

Early in May a very successful bridge and entertainment was held by the Parents' Association at Mr. and Mrs. R. MERRICK's home. The proceeds of this event and others, successfully sponsored this winter, defrayed the costs of the new uniforms for the youngsters, many outgrowing their old uniforms.

On Memorial Day the Juniors marched with the Brighton-Allston Post to the Evergreen Cemetery where they aided in decorating the graves. In the afternoon the youngsters held a swimming party at Brighton Beach and later with their parents enjoyed refreshments.

On the evening of June 10 the Juniors and their parents held a successful theatrical party at the State Theatre in Milton, where they performed some of their new marches and rendered individual numbers from the stage.

The YD Juniors participated in the YD Reunion parade in Worcester and subsequently won third prize at the Bugle and Drum competition for junior drum corps, in which nearly all the New England states had one or more junior corps competing.

—M. J. MOONEY, Parents Assoc. YD Juniors.

TREASURER OFFERS GOLD YD RINGS AS MEMBERSHIP PRIZES

National Treasurer L. H. REDFIELD announced at the officers dinner in Worcester that he will present a solid gold ring, with the YD insignia inset in black onyx, similar to the one presented some time ago to Doc CROWELL by the YD Club of Lynn for his work as Drill Captain, to every member who signs up 25 or more new members during the year between the Worcester and Portland Conventions. When you land a new member, see that you are credited, by writing your name in the lower margin of the application blank.

NOT THAT WE GIVE A D**

It has been suggested by a reader of DOINGS that it might be interesting to all to know what YD men did, or are doing, with the money received from their bonus.

There is no intent in such a question to pry into anyone's affairs, but just as a compilation of interesting information it might be worth while. No names will be published.

SHORTS

A member in New Haven calls attention to the fact that two men who are still on the firing line for Uncle Sam are WILBUR B. "Bud" FISHER (E Batt. 103rd F. A.), and GEORGE W. CARROLL (H Co., 102nd Inf.), both of whom are with the Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, with offices in the New Haven P. O. Building. FISHER was for many years on the New Haven police department and in government law enforcement work; CARROLL has been in government work in Washington and Philadelphia.

GILBERT W. O'NEIL (104th Inf.), postmaster in Gloucester, Mass., since 1923, was confirmed for another term on June 8. (Jim Farley must have been napping.)

YD men in general and 101st Field Artillery men in particular were disappointed over "Sinny" WEEKS,

failure to win the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator at the pre-primary convention; but are rooting for his success as chairman of the state Republican Committee.

THOMAS F. MACKAY (104th Inf.), assistant city treasurer of Somerville for more than six years, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for treasurer of Middlesex County. He is a member of the YD Club of Boston, the American Legion, the V. F. W.

As a bar-tender par excellence, we were amazed at the Worcester Convention by the dexterity of "JOCKO" SULLIVAN, who did the honors many a time and oft in BUCK CUNNINGHAM'S well stocked room, until he reminded us that was his regular job, at "JOCKO'S GRILLE" at 169 Crown St., New Haven. Go up and see him, sometime.

DOINGS blundered in stating that the tricky little Yankee Division name plates to affix to your auto number plates are made by "some fellow up in Concord, N. H." FLETCHER B. LONG of South Portland, Maine, is the inventor and manufacturer, and we understand he has them for sale.

Many a time when the clouds of low finances have gathered around the YD Club of Boston, a member has been heard mournfully to wish that someone would remember the Club in their will. Well, it has come to pass! LEON F. DENIS (104th Inf.) of Fort Bliss, Texas, has forwarded a true copy of his last will and testament, in which he bequeaths all his maps, books, papers and other documents to the YD Veterans Association; and, in the event his brother dies before he does, all his other property as well. In return he asks that the Y. D. V. A. arrange that his remains be interred in Arlington National Cemetery. But it can hardly be the LEON contemplates an immediate demise, as he has just spent $50.00 of his bonus money to become a Life Member of the Y.D.V.A., the last there will be, as Life Membership has been abolished by the new Constitution.

In remitting a belated contribution toward the YD Memorial Church at Belleau, LOYAL FOLEY of Chicago, says: "I think those who were responsible for selecting this monument, the reconstructed 13th Century church—are entitled to a Congressional Medal. It is in wonderful taste."

Writes MELBERT B. CARY (103rd F. A.) of New York City: "You certainly are to be congratulated on 'Between Ourselves' in the May issue. I hope you sent a marked copy to the lady in question! More strength to you." Says GEORGE R. ELLIOTT (104th Inf.) of Worcester (we quote from memory): "That editorial in May was certainly lousy. Some of 'em have been O.K., but that was the lousiest of all." Which just checks out to zero.

JIM CRESSWELL (K Co., 101st Inf.) of Boston tells of an instance of the old YD spirit he recently encountered in Bangor, Maine, where BILL ROGERS (103rd Inf.), an elevator operator in the Federal Bldg. there, and a great favorite of all the government employees, came to bat to show him around the place, made him acquainted with several men he was anxious to know, and then showed him the town. All because JIM happened to ask of an elevator operator where he could find a YD man, and the elevator operator was BILL ROGERS.

ELMER HOLMES (L Co., 101st Inf.) writes from Atlanta, Ga., that Dr. J. WRIGHTSON ROBERTSON, formerly with the Medical Corps of the YD, has an office at 1345 Greene St., Augusta, Ga.; also that he recently met Lt. Col. WILLIAM H. BECK, formerly with either the 103rd or 104th Infantry—he is not sure which (and neither are we.) Lt. Col. BECK is an attorney at Griffin, Ga. Holmes writes that he plans to attend that 101st Infantry Reunion in September at Clinton.

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Lieutenant Colonel ROY L. MARSTON, formerly of the 103rd Infantry and Hq. 26th Division, died on Monday, July 6, at the U. S. Veterans Hospital in Togus, Maine, following an operation. Col. MARSTON, with a group of ten officers, was the first American National Guard officer to land in France during the World War. He was 58 years of age. Born in Skowhegan, Maine; graduate of Bowdoin College and Yale School of Forestry; U. S. Forest Service 1899 to 1902, serving in nearly every state and in Canada, Norway and Sweden; professor of forestry at Yale 1902 to 1906; instructor of forestry and military engineering, U. S. Military Academy, 1903 to 1911; 1911 until his death, he served as Treasurer and General Manager of the Coburn Heirs of Skowhegan, controlling extensive timberlands. Served a term in Maine legislature in 1913; on the U. S. tariff board in 1911 and 1912; on the staff of Governor Baxter. Military service: in 1913 reorganized and became Captain of E. Company, 2nd Maine Infantry; led the company at Mexican Border, receiving citation from Commanding General for his maps and reports; in 1917 was first N. G. officer to land in France; was promoted to major, acted as liaison officer between 26th Division and General Staff; twice cited for distinguished service; promoted to lieutenant colonel. Member of the Board of Managers of National Soldiers' Homes, for many years. He is survived by a widow, mother, two sons, two daughters, two brothers, two sisters. Was a member of the YD Veterans Association since its inception.

GEORGE H. WHITTAKER, formerly sergeant in E Battery, 102nd Field Artillery, died at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Rutland Hts., Mass., on June 30. A fine soldier with an even disposition and a ready smile, he did little growling or fault finding, rising rapidly from private to corporal to sergeant. He lived in West Bolston, Mass., and leaves a widow, two small sons and two married sisters. Funeral services were held in Putnam Funeral Parlors, Worcester, on July 2. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery. The bearers, all former members of E Battery, were: L. E. HENDRICKS, N. E. MAYO, OMER POTVIN, FRANK ZINCIEWIECZ, SAMUEL SPENCE, and RAYMOND MANSFIELD. Taps were sounded by C. D. DENTON. Others attending the funeral were GEORGE W. JONES, N. E. WOOD, J. E. LYNCH and ERNIE PARENT who sees things and does them without being asked, as was noticed at the funeral. Worcester Chapter and the Y. D. V. A. should be mighty proud of Comrade PARENT: his type is scarce in these days of "me first and you afterward".

ISADORE "MIKE" SEIDLER, formerly of H. Company, 101st Infantry, died at the Boston City Hospital on Sunday, July 5. Funeral services were held from funeral parlors at 10 Washington Street, Dorchester on Monday, July 6, at 12:00 noon. Poor MIKE had been in the YD Club of Boston less than a week before to pay up on his dues.

Major CLAUDE A. S. FROST, formerly of A Battery, 103rd Field Artillery, died in San Francisco, on Monday, June 15. Funeral services on June 17, in accordance with the wishes of the deceased, were private. A native of New York, formerly with the Department of Justice in Washington, Major Frost had practiced law in San Francisco since 1901. Always active in veteran affairs, he was a past commander of California Post, A.L., San Francisco Chapter, M.O.W.W.; member of the Army and Navy Club; and a member of the Y.D.V.A. since its beginning.

EDWARD J. CHISHOLM, formerly of Hq. Co., 104th Infantry, and one of the best known and best liked members of the YD Club of Boston, died suddenly at his home, 116 Pearson Road, Somerville, Mass., on June 23, after a few days' illness of pneumonia. (See YD Club of Boston column.)

ALLEN CLIFTON of New York City, formerly of the 101st Field Artillery received his bonus bonds, scrawled on a piece of paper, "This is the zero hour", climbed to his attic, hanged himself.

CLARENCE E. STRONG, formerly of H Co., 103rd Infantry, died at his home in Greenwich, Conn. A former resident of Dublin and Harrisville, N. H., his remains were brought to Keene for burial.

Hon. A. PIATT ANDREW, an Honorary Member of the YD Veterans Association, Member of Congress, former Colonel of the American Ambulance Corps, Commander of the Legion of Honor, citizen of two Republics, died on June 1 at his home in Gloucester, Massachusetts. See article elsewhere.

HENRY J. MCMAHON, formerly of E Co., 101st Infantry, died at his home, 91 Lowell St., Reading, Mass., on June 19. Gassed in France, he has been in poor health since the war. Military funeral services were conducted by Reading Post, A.L., of which he was a member, in St. Agnes Church, on Monday, June 21. He is survived by a widow, one daughter, mother, one sister. His widow is the former Melanie Arseneau, a war nurse, Commander of All Nurses Post, A.L.

ALBERT C. NORRIS, formerly of B Co., 101st Field Signal Battalion, died on June 6, at his home, 8 Pine Ridge Road, Wellesley, Mass.

JOHN P. FLAVIN, formerly of the 102nd Infantry, died in Bellows Falls, Vermont, on June 1. A military funeral was held by Pierce Lawton Post, American Legion, on June 3.

BYRON H. JACOBS, formerly of the 101st Ammunition Train, died at his home in Randolph, Vermont, on the sixth day of last January, report of the death having just been sent to YANKEE DOINGS.

News has been received by YANKEE DOINGS of the death, at some time in the past, of Major EVAN E. LEWIS, D.S.C., formerly of the 102nd Infantry and the 104th Infantry, and of WILLIAM J. BRIGANDO, formerly of I Co., 102nd Infantry.

EDWIN J. STIQUEL, formerly of the 102nd Infantry, died in New Britain, Conn. (clipping not dated). Military funeral services were held jointly by Eddy-Glover Post, American Legion and New Britain Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

JOHN E. HOWARTH, formerly of C Co., 103nd M.G. Battalion, died suddenly at his home, 294 Lowell Ave., Olneyville, R. I., on July 2. Mr. Howarth was a veteran of three wars, the Boxer Rebellion, Spanish-American War and World War, was 55 years of age and had seen 19 years of military service. He was wounded and cited for gallantry in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War; served as a sergeant in C Co., 103rd M.G. Bn. during the World War, was gassed in action. Military honors were accorded by the company association, LOUIS F. STEEN, Chaplain. Burial was at St. Anne's Cemetery, Providence.

YANKEE DOINGS extends the sympathy of the YD Veterans Association to the following: THOMAS J. BRICKLEY (101st Amm. Tr.) whose mother died on June 2; RALPH L. THOMAS (101st Engrs.) whose mother died on May 17.

THOMAS AHERN, formerly of G Co., 101st Infantry, died in New York City, while on a trip to see the sights with part of his bonus money. Funeral services were held in Worcester, Mass.

YANKEE DOINGS wishes to extend the sympathy of the YD Veterans Association to RUSSELL B. LIVERMORE (M Co., 104th Inf.) whose father died in July.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, July 14, for HUGH RUSH, formerly of F Battery,

103rd Field Artillery, at Stamford, Conn. Stamford Chapter, Y.D.V.A. furnished the pall bearers and secured a firing squad from the Soldiers' Home at Noroton. Bugler Quigley of the American Legion Post blew taps.

HAROLD M. WEEKS, formerly dispatch rider in Ambulance Hq. Section, 101st Sanitary Train, was killed in an automobile accident on the Boston-Worcester turnpike on July 17. Mr. Weeks, a resident of Wellesley, was a sergeant in the regular army, at the First Corps Army Base. The car in which Sgt. WEEKS was driving was crushed against a tree by a truck which went out of control, jumped the raised center section of the super-highway, came across onto the outbound right-of-way, crashed the light car, carrying it completely off the road. Requiem mass was held at St. John's Church, Wellesley Lower Falls, on Monday, July 20.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

So many pages of this number are devoted to an account of the multifarious activities of the great Convention in Worcester that less space than usual is available for the local news from the many Chapters. Furthermore, not a great many of them have sent in any news. The Convention, coming as it does in the last weeks of June, marks the peak of the YD year, and is almost always followed by a breathing spell during the hot months, when we "consolidate our gains", issue new equipment, take a hitch in our belts, and prepare for a busy fall and winter of active engagements.

Some of the Chapters hold no meetings in July and August: many others hold meetings right through. Let no one gather the impression from the relatively few chapters mentioned by name in this department this month that any of them have fallen by the wayside. Take a look at the table of Membership Standing by Chapters, printed in this issue, and you'll find mighty few that look like dead ones in the list. They were all in Worcester—AND HOW! What each one's own story of the Convention is would make a bigger DOINGS than we could ever afford to print. The general news of the big convention events is given in considerable detail because it is of equal interest to every reader. But a full page of news of what EACH CHAPTER did is beyond our means, as, after all, it would be primarily of interest just to members of that chapter, and only secondarily to the great majority.

With the number of active Chapters approaching the 50 mark, the job of editing this magazine has reached a point where "sump'n's gotta be done". Either there have got to be more editors than one with two assistants in another state, or else the old free-and-easy days of printing anything and everything that comes in have got to end.

PLEASE, fellows, confine your accounts of the doing in your Chapter to the newsworthy essentials; and PLEASE, appoint a man to the job who has access to a typewriter and knows a comma from an asterisk, and syntax from slang! Lord knows, we don't want to be hard-boiled, but we've got to be or go to the nut-house. DOINGS has outgrown the days when it can give a three-inch paragraph to how long it took JOE JENKS to change a tire on his car on his way to a Chapter meeting in West Burlap—under the assumption that because he was going to a Chapter meeting, it is YD news.

Remember, DOINGS can't be everywhere. It can't print what it doesn't know. Send in the news; brief, to the point, and as well written as the best man in your Chapter can write it. DOINGS will print it.

Will every Chapter, immediately upon receiving this copy, please notify the National Secretary of the meeting nights of the Chapter, and the place in which meetings are held. One of the objectives of this year will be a greater amount of visiting around between members of different Chapters within travelling distance of one another.

MAINE

With the Convention in its pocket for 1937, this year should see Maine make the biggest advance in the Y.D.V.A. of any statae. Regular state meetings should be under way by Fall, under the guidance of V.P. ELTON P. WALKER.

LEWISTON

Androscoggin Valley Chapter now has 20 paid-up members, and is holding regular meetings. BILL ROACH, the President, was at the Worcester Convention, and took home with him the charter of the Chapter.

PORTLAND

The Portland boys, with their new trick uniforms, may not have had the largest delegation in Worcester, but they certainly had the noisiest, with that confounded cannon of theirs. They landed a "direct hit" on the target however, being next year's Convention. Roll up your sleeves, boys, and plunge into the grief. You've got one large job cut out.

Pres. PERC BENTON must be celebrating something this year. He got himself married to Miss Helen E. Carber on May 27, then swings into

Worcester, down to fightin' trim, and bags the '37 Convention. Congratulations on both counts.

BILL SPEAR of Eastport is in the hospital at Togus, we hope not for long.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

If ever a state was ripe for forming an active Departmental organization, it is New Hampshire. With four active chapters, all in better shape than ever before, and a new one on the way from Berlin (thank to ERNIE PARENT), all it needs is to start the habit. Get the fellows together just once at a state meeting, and you'll find they want to keep it up.

CONCORD

Not a damn word. Where are you, Concord? Where were you, Concord.

MANCHESTER

A regular meeting was held on June 10, and eight new members signed up. V.P. BILL SAYERS urged a membership drive now that the bonus is paid. On June 24 a pre-Convention meeting was held, netting the biggest bunch of new members at one time in the history of the Chapter. Manchester now has 52, and made a splendid showing at the Convention. Under the aggressive leadership of President PETE O'MALLEY, and the continuous plugging of Treasurer GENE DUGAS, Manchester is very much on the map.

KEENE

Keene is the wonder-child of the past five or six weeks. On June 17, it had 6 members and was near defunct as a Chapter well can be. On July 19, it had 34, had arranged a plan for regular meetings on the Fourth Thursday of each month at the American Legion Hall on West Street, oppointed teams for a still greater membership drive, and is about the most spirited, inspired lot you'd want to see. If all this came out of the visit of the National officers on June 17, then ever has such a visit been more worthwhile. Then Pres. LEN MALONEY, Treas. LEA REDFIELD, and Sec. PHIL SANBORN went to Keene on June 17, attended a meeting of about 15 men at Pres. GEORGE TAAFFE's house. Some of the old stand-byes were there: GEORGE TAAFFE, "DOC" WALKER, DAN EMERY, CHARLIE LEAHY, LEROY CODDING and others who got off to such a fine start a few years ago. But none knew until afterward how deeply they took to heart talks given by the visiting officers. From that moment on, things in Keene commenced to pop. Great work, boys, give everyone somthing to do, and you'll go places.

NASHUA

Nashua Chapter has been coming right laong. under its new President, GEORGE M. FRENCH, it made a fine showing in Worcester. The Chapter recently tendered a dinner to its longtime President ELIOT A. CARTER on the eve of his departure for an extended tour of Europe, presenting him with a special light to attach to his car "to help him find his way around Europe". Appearing in their own uniforms of dark blue shirts, white trousers, gold necktie, Nashua shoulder insignia and YD berets, behind a Nashua drum corps, and bearing their own colors, the Chapter left no uncertain impression that they were in Worcester. ED LEBLANC is the new Vice President, and HARRY AINSCOW carries on as Secretary-Treasurer.

BERLIN

Not THE Berlin we never captured in the war, but Berlin, N. H. Thanks to ERNIE PARENT of Worcester, Berlin is in the throes of forming a Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. LEON GUERTIN is acting as key-man, and already 12 or 14 members have been signed up. Good work, Ernie, Good work, Berlin. More later.

VERMONT

A year ago when some headline writer of the New Haven Register asked: "Where were the Green Mountain boys?" it sort of got under the skin of the gang up in Vermont.

No one had to ask this year. They were in Worcester all right, and went back to their hills determined to bring forth a few new Chapters before snow time.

WINOOSKI AND MONTPELIER

Capt. ROY LATHAM, President of Brockton (Mass.) Chapter is on tour of duty at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt. as this is written. Roy was with a Vermont outfit and knows a lot of boys up there. He writes that he has sown the seed for Chapters in Winooski and Montpelier, and got the fellows steamed up over the Y.D.V.A. Key man in Montpelier is LORRIMER E. GOODWIN, Millers Inn; and in Winooski, ED DOREY, 44 Hood Street. Give 'em a helping hand and let's have some new Chapters in Vt. (ARTHUR FOOTE, State V.P., take notice.) What with a Worcester man, ERNIE PARENT, starting a Chapter in Berlin, N. H., and a Brockton man starting two in Northern Vermont, it looks as if History is about to repeat itself, as one year ago Connecticut came up and showed Massachusetts how to do it.

MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

The regular June meeting of Massachusetts Department was held in the State Armory at Holyoke on Sunday, June 7, with only seven Chapters represented. V.P. DAN JONES presided, and H. GUY WATTS acted as Secretary. Guests of the meeting were National President LEN MALONEY, Nat. Treas. LEA REDFIELD, and Convention Chm. JOE GAUTHIER and Conv. Sec. TED NOYES. Most of the meeting was given over to discussion of plans for the Convention, all of which is now too ancient history to repeat here. It was voted to omit the July meeting.

The regular August meeting of the Department to be held in Springfield, has been postponed from Sunday, August 2, to Sunday, August 9, in order that the new State President, RAY DOUCETTE of Lynn may preside at his first meeting. He is to be out of the state on August 2. This should be an extremely important meeting, including in all probability the appointment or election of temporary department officers, and the selection of a committee to draw up Department By-Laws. If this issue reaches you sufficiently early to act as an advance notice, make every effort to be in Springfield on Sunday afternoon, August 9. Meeting place not yet known, but you'll find it O.K.

YD CLUB OF BOSTON

During June the Club lost one of its best and most loyal members, EDWARD J. CHISHOLM, formerly of Headquarters Co., 104th Infantry. Eddie was very well liked here because of his quiet and pleasant manner. He was also one of the best workers the Club has had in recent years. The news of his death caused a real depression of spirit throughout our membership. He was buried June 26th, at Medford, with full military honors conducted jointly by the YD Post, A.L., and the Dilboy Post, V.F.W., in both of which Eddie was a valued member. A large delegation of 104th Infantry veterans was present and its leaders made all necessary arrangements. The YD Club of Boston was represented at the services and at the funeral. This outfit cannot afford to lose many more members like EDDIE CHISHOLM.

The Club recently had made to its order a new and beautiful YD Club flag which should improve our appearance on public occasions. The old one automatically becomes a "rainy day" flag.

Vacation season this year sees the Club back in line with established custom. For the first time in several years our employees can expect a vacation. MARTY TAYLOR, our custodian, chose the first two weeks in July; GUY WATTS is saving his until the Legion Convention in September at Cleveland-on-the-Lake.

Our gang was at Worcester in full strength for the Y.D.V.A. Convention. The Clubhouse here was closed for the duration of the Convention because everyone we knew was at Worcester.

Always mindful of his duties, JOHN HALFENSTINE, Chairman of Welfare for the Post, did his best to see that the boys were taken care of at Worcester. He found the Alka-Seltzer bottle very handy.

EDDIE MALONE, old top-kicker of B Company, 101st Infantry, is back in town to stay. At least, he expects to and we hope so. He was in to the Clubhouse the other day and signed up in the Club and the YDVA. Eddie has always belonged to the YDVA but he now transfers from the Washington Chapter to our Boston Chapter. Welcome home!

Guy Watts, the genial Manager of the Club, is now a full-fledged Notary Public, by virtue of his appointment by Governor James M. Curley, with the advice and consent of his Council. We can now have home-made affidavits at the Club. "Do you solemnly swear?" "Yowser".

As July 1st marks the start of the second half of our fiscal year, a few remarks from the Treasurer, JOE GALLIGAN, seem appropriate. Compared with the same period last year, i.e. July 1st, we read:

Total Cash on Hand		*Increase*
1936	$2,440.06	$2,067.34
1935	372.72	
Accounts & Rents Receivable		*Increase*
1936	$581.84	$270.97
1935	310.87	
Accounts Payable		*Decrease*
1936	None	$597.68
1935	597.68	
Membership		*Increase*
1936	457	114 members
1935	343	

This year to date, insurance, taxes, water, heat, redecoration and painting of large Memorial Hall, as well as current routine expenses, have all been paid in cash as they became due. We have been taking whatever discounts may be due to us. Except for some increase in Membership, this prosperity has had no relation to the payment of the Adjusted Compensation, or "Bonus". Boston, the oldest and largest YD Club, with by far the greatest maintenance expense, is going along very nicely.

BEN JAMES, Chairman of the Membership Committee, is sending out a letter to the 132 members of last year who have not yet paid up for 1936. As Ben says, most of them will pay up before the year is through so they might as well do it now and get it over with.

CHARLEY EGAN, who used to be one of the fixtures of the Club a few years back, was a visitor today. He is back for a short vacation from Hollywood, California. With him was his very charming

little daughter, Dorothy, nine years, already a motion picture star. "Show Boat", "Poppy", and "Anthony Adverse" are only a few of the many films in which she has had featured parts. Her appearance here was headlined in the "movie" sections of the Boston newspapers. While Charley was renewing old acquaintances, Dorothy practised her dance routines and sang a few songs for the boys. Her little one-girl show lasted for nearly an hour, a real treat for those who were lucky enough to be here at the time.

FLASH! Membership Card No. 500 was issued today (July 17th) to JIMMY HARTIN of Headquarters Company, 101st Infantry. Wonder who will get Card No. 600? Let's keep going.

—G.

LAWRENCE

Starting from scratch late in the year, Lawrence has hung up a mark of rapid growth for all to shoot at. Three months ago Lawrence Chapter was as dead as technocracy. Today it has 71 paid-up members! At a regular meeting on June 18, the following officers were elected: President, JOSEPH H. MULHARE; 1st Vice President, JOHN E. WHEELER; 2nd Vice President, JOHN A. CRONIN; Treasurer, WILLIAM A. SULLIVAN; Secretary, THOMAS JOLLEY; Executive Committee: CARL LINDSAY, JOHN W. MAHONEY, CARL DONOVAN, JOHN SHEEHAN, WILLIAM CARNEY; Sergeant-at-Arms, RALPH ROSSI.

It is planned to have these officers installed by the National President at a later date to be announced. Lawrence was at Worcester in force. A good bit of the boost shown by the Chapter can be credited to the Lowell Chapter, who, represented by JOHN O'ROURKE, DAN BRENNAN, and others went over to a Lawrence pep meeting, and talked to the boys, cold turkey.

LOWELL

There seems to be no end to the size to which Lowell can grow. Maintaining its place as the second largest Chapter in Massachusetts, and spurred on by Convention activities, it now has 142 members, and had one of the largest delegations in Worcester, clad in dark blue shirts, blue trousers, yellow tie, YD beret, and "Lowell" insignia. A pre-Convention meeting was held on June 25. JOHNNY O'ROURKE is doing a swell job as President. Lowell carried home from Worcester the trophy for the largest new Chapter in the United States formed during the year.

LYNN

Lynn as usual, with its famous scarlet-coated drill team, its white-sweatered rank and file, was in the limelight at Worcester from first to last. Although it's pretty ancient history now, the Chapter held a "Verdun Night", with about 100 present, on May 26. Three staunch friends of the Club were made Honorary Members thereof: Representative MICHAEL J. CARROLL, HARRY W. WOODARD, and HENRY S. BALDWIN. For its work in causing the name of General Edwards to be applied to the beautiful new Pines River Bridge, for its success in having the Massachusetts legislature pass a bill recognizing YD Chapters in the granting of Memorial Day funds, Lynn Chapter brought home from Worcester the Clarence R. Edwards Trophy for Civic Achievement. At present writing President JOHNNY SULLIVAN is at Boston City Hospital with a crushed hand, concerning which we have been able to learn nothing except that he will probably be there a week. We all hope no serious harm will come of it.

SPRINGFIELD

Springfield is to be host to a meeting of the Department of Mass. on August 9, and plans to stage a reception the boys from other towns will remember. ED MALEY is Chm. of the Committee. Meetings were held on June 1, with the Worcester Convention Committee as guests; on June 14 to witness the parade of the State Convention of United Spanish War Veterans; on June 16, at which time it was voted to have its own Hq. in Worcester. Several new members were signed up at this meeting. Springfield seems to have a new burst of life: keep it up boys. Old TOM CROKAN is working his head off as Secretary, and old reliable JIMMY ARMESON is giving fine leadership in the President's chair.

On Sunday, July 12, the Auxiliary held an outing at Kibbie's Grove, East Longmeadow, with box lunches, races for the kiddies, and prizes for the winners. Mrs. Irene Maley was Chairman: there will be two more in August.

WORCESTER

Seems as if we'd seen the name of that city somewhere before in this issue! What is there left to say of a city that gave us a time like that. They've got what it takes! Worcester copped the YD Membership Trophy for showing the greatest increase in membership from June to June, and boy, they deserved it.

FITCHBURG, SALEM, HOLYOKE, NEW BEDFORD, CLINTON, MILFORD, WEBSTER-DUDLEY, and all the rest.

Yes, we saw you all in Worcester, and what's more we HEARD you. And we know that such attendance means that well laid plans were made in advance, and that every one is an active chapter and has big times ahead.

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CONNECTICUT

There was no mistaking the Connecticut contingent at Worcester: the only state with an official uniform, two jumps ahead of the rest of the world, and did they make a snappy appearance!

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

May 8, at Meriden, approximately 200 present. Resolution adopted protesting against the demotion of Dr. WILLIAM KEATING of the Soldiers Home at Noroton. Chief speaker Major Bannigan of Newington Hospital.

June 14 at New Haven. Largest yet, over 325 present, 15 of 16 Chapters represented. Pre-Convention meeting, completing all arrangements for the "occupation" of Worcester, the setting up of Department and Chapter Hq., participation as units in all Convention events. Resolution condemning anti-patriotic institutions of higher learning adopted. (See article "Resolutions Acted Upon at Worcester").

July 12 at New Britain. No account of business transacted had reached DOINGS up to press time, except that it was decided to hold the August meeting in the form of a visit to the National Guard Camp at Niantic—a purely social meeting.

September Meeting to be in Stamford

The September Meeting will be held on Sept. 13 at Stamford, and one of the biggest times on record is promised to start off the Fall season. A committee is already at work on the plans, consisting of BEN PITMAN, Chairman; CARL PAIGHT, HARRY DUNN, RAY MACNICHOLL, and JIM CALDWELL, the same gang that made such a success of the Easter Sunday theatre showing of Cooper's War Pictures. Stamford promises a whole new bag of tricks for the September get-together.

NEW BRITAIN

The new officers of New Britain Chapter are: President JAMES W. GREENE; Treasurer, WILLIAM HOPKINS; Secretary, ARTHUR BUTCHER. New Britain's membership jumped from 4 on May 19 to 55 on July 13.

MANCHESTER

Following are the new officers of Manchester Chapter: President, BERTIE MOSELEY; 1st V.P., EDWARD FRAZIER; 2nd V.P., WILLIAM A. ALLEN; Secretary, CHESTERFIELD PIRIE; Treasurer (inactive), EDGAR T. MORGAN; Treasurer (active), FRANK MCCAUGHEY; Trustees: FRANK BLANCHARD, DAVID MCCOLLUM, ARTHUR E. MCCANN; Sgt.-at-Arms, WILLIAM J. SHIELDS; Historian, JOHN WADDELL; Publicity, WILLIAM A. ALLEN.

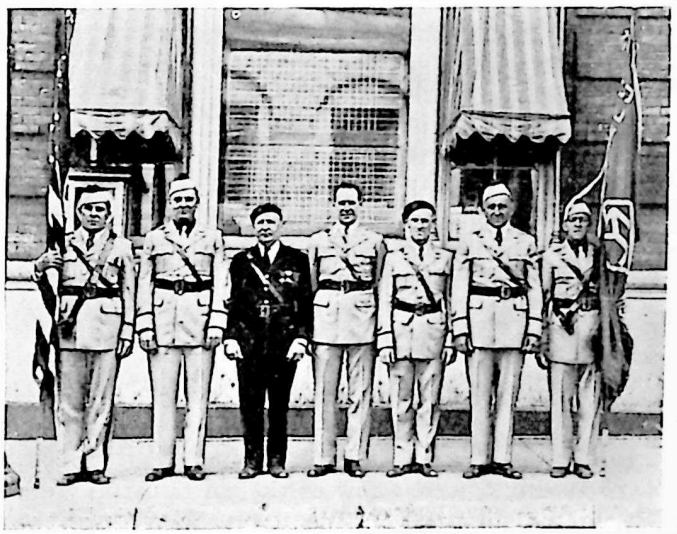
WALLINGFORD

The following officers were installed by Department President AL HERMAN, assisted by Sgt-at-Arms HUGH FOSTER on May 26; President, WILLIAM M. LORING; 1st V.P.; H. LAMONT SMITH; 2nd V.P.; MILTON TALBOT; Secretary, P.P. FRANCIS W. BOSSIDY; Treas., ERIK HILLBOM; Historian, C. EDWARD STEARNS; Chaplain, J. RAYMOND CANNON; Sgt.-at-Arms, ROBERT BRISSON; Trustees: GEORGE L. CRAIG and MYLES BARRY. Guest speakers at the meeting were the then National President LEN MALONEY, and Col. JOHN H. "MACHINE GUN" PARKER.

WATERBURY

Waterbury Chapter has set the style for "The New Y.D.V.A." As a measure of service in peace as in war, it has established a "Big Brother Club". The project was launched at a big boosters meeting just before the Convention, and, as explained by FRED ROWE, calls upon each member of the Chapter to take under his personal supervision some underprivileged boy, see him and talk with him at least once a week, find out what he is interested in, provide him with clothing or a job if he needs it, see that he keeps out of trouble. The work will be carried out in conjunction with the court probation officer and the juvenile court. A splendid project which many other Chapters could do well to follow. Major Maloney and Major Tom Bannigan, administrator of Newington hospital, as well as many prominent citizens of Waterbury and other cities in the state were guests.

The Chapter Auxiliary, Mrs. Walter Bolen, President, is in close step with the Chapter with 45 members. The Chapter has sent a boy to Y.M.C.A. Camp for July in line with its Big Brother movement. On June 21, the Chapter and Auxiliary held an all-day picnic at Lakewood Park with a big turn-



FIRST UNIFORMED CONTINGENT OF WATERBURY CHAPTER

Left to Right: FRANK DOWNS, JOE CUNNINGHAM, Pres. WM. AYLWARD, NICK MUCCINA, JR., V.P. LEO PROVOST, JAS. CAFFERY, LEO CARRIGAN.

out. Through YANKEE DOINGS, Waterbury wants to congratulate the Worcester Convention Committee, and thank the people of Worcester for a swell time.

NEW HAVEN

Membership May 19, 101. Membership July 13, 233. Answer, FRANK P. LEE, winner of the trophy as the man who, in any Chapter in the United States, did more to promote the growth of his own Chapter. A truly wonderful job, above and beyond comparison.

ALL OTHER CONNECTICUT CHAPTERS

Sure you're on the map, and on the map to stay, and we know the whole state is busier with YD affairs than a hornet's nest; but no other written dispatches of local meetings have come in; and if you're too blooming played out after the Convention to write 'em in, we don't blame you. So are we, and look at the job WE had wished on us—this whole magazine. We'll all get our second wind before fall.

STAMFORD

A most successful meeting in the form of a hot-dog roast was held by Stamford Chapter on July 13. No details of how many dogs et or beer drunk have reached DOINGS.

OUTSIDE NEW ENGLAND

CHICAGO

A delegation headed by P. P. WALTER CROWELL ably represented Chicago Chapter at the Worcester Convention. The Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, July 12, at Chipelly Ridge, Cook County Forest Preserves, Northbrook, Ill., with all women and children invited. No account of the picnic has come to hand right up to press time, but judging from last year—if the weather was fair—it must have been a gala time.

WASHINGTON

JOHN CASWELL, RAY QUEENIN, JIM BOYER, NATE GOLDEN, were a few of the old faithfuls from Washington glimpsed in Worcester. Have received no news of local goings-on of the Club in the Nation's capitol. But no one ever needs to grow concerned over Washington; they have been in the Y.D.V.A. circle too many years, and year after year pursue the even tenor of their way, always on the job.

NEWARK

The baby chapter of the Association at this writing is that known as New Jersey Chapter, with Hq. in Newark. Represented in Worcester by their President, THORNTON WEBSTER, and AL MEYEROWITZ, among others, they were in the thick of things all the way through, being particularly diligent in attendance at the business meetings. Not to be eclipsed by their big brother in Manhattan, Newark proposes to corral every eligible over on the Jersey side.

DETROIT

Now it's Detroit, that's all steamed up over forming a YD Chapter. On Friday evening, June 5, eleven of the faithful gathered in PETE SADY's office, for an impromptu meeting and general hullabaloo. The old spirit blazed forth to prove again there's nothing finer than to be present when YD men meet. The eleven men attacked Cliff Bell's Restaurant, to be welcomed by MACDONALD (101st F. A.), who had the waiters pull a few tables together, and turn the orchestra loose on "Hinky Dinky" and "Madelon". Upshot of the celebration was an S.O.S. to Hq. for instructions on how to form a Chapter, which were dispatched pronto. Since then other meetings have been held, and all is set to go. Those present at the first meeting: ELMER BRACKETT (103rd Inf.), A. W. DAVIS (101st Amm. Tr.), JOHN H. GUITTAUD (101st M.P.), E. R. MACDONALD (101st F.A.), E. MASSEY (104th Inf.), PETE SADY (104th Inf.), HENRY SULLIVAN (101st Engrs.), DAVE SWARTZ (102nd Amb. Co.)

NEW YORK

No outfit was more in evidence than the lively group from New York at the Convention. We can't remember who-all was there, but do recall seeing FRED BROWN, TED SCHOONMAKER, JOE MCGLONE, EDDIE NELSON, JIM HURLEY, BOB DICKSON, ERNEST KLUGE, EDDIE NELSON. The Chapter will hold its July and August meetings on the Fourth Thursday of each month at the Prince George Hotel, 14 East 28th Street, with a good dinner for a dollar apiece; good entertainment promised by JIM HURLEY. New York now has 120 members.

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101st INFANTRY ITEMS

The feature of the parade on the Common on June 14th, at the 75th Anniversary Exercises of the "Old Ninth", was easily the appearance of B Company, of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association. Its contingent was not only twice the size of the next largest in line but every man in B Company wore one of the jaunty new overseas caps which the league-leaders of the Association now affect. The infantry dress colors, blue and white, are used exclusively in this new cap—a clear, bright blue with white piping and lettering. The blue of B Company was the dominant color against the green of the historic old Common. General Logan himself congratulated the outfit as it swung past his reviewing stand.

The most interesting Council meeting the Regimental Association has had in a long time was held Wednesday, July 15th, in the YD Memorial Clubhouse at Boston. President PETER J. SCHOFIELD (K Co.), conducted the meeting. The presence of General LOGAN and the stirring address of "KNOCKO" MCCORMACK (B Co.), delivered in his own inimitable and original manner, were easily the features of the evening. Many interesting side-lights of the history of our Regiment were revealed by General LOGAN. Everyone agreed that the Annual Reunion to be held at Clinton, Mass., on September 11th and 12th next, is now the objective of the old Regiment.

JOE GALLIGAN (B Co.), wants every 101st Infantry veteran to know that he has only 83 Regimental Rings left and that "first come, first served" is the rule on the sale of these souvenirs which should be prized by every man of the Regiment. The price is only $1.00. These are a real bargain as we may never have any more manufactured. Further, the metal in them alone is worth the price since the silver market sky-rocketed last year. Order from JOE GALLIGAN, c/o YD Club of Boston, or through your Company officers. All proceeds go to your Regimental Treasury.

Clinton Sept. 11/12. Clinton Sept. 11/12. Clinton Sept. 11/12.

B Company will hold meetings at "Knocko's" in South Boston, on: Monday, August 3; Monday, August 17; Wednesday, September 2. The fourth meeting will be at Clinton during the Regimental Reunion.

103rd INFANTRY

A recent trip to Dover-Foxcroft, home of F Co., 103rd Inf., was quite pleasing. Of course the first person we called on was Capt. NORTON, he has the biggest and best store in town, 5 clerks and all busy, "Rummy" BRAWN is still on deck, BOB WEYMOUTH is still fishing in his spare time, VIRGIL ROBERTS has another girl, 4 boys and 2 girls. GEORGE FOLSOM is farming, WALDO LARY is in some hospital in Mass. WALTER and PHILLIP TOZIER, JIM CUNNINGHAM are in Guilford, RAY AMES, PETE MORSE are in Abbott, and ROY AMES is in LaGrange and all are feeling well, and send regards.

Where were the New Hampshire men of F Co., 103rd Inf., at the Convention? Only saw a few.

The writer feels flattered to have his writings included in the Convention Number of the DOINGS.

Congrats to the Worcester Chap. for a wonderful time.

—"MINNE la TOUR"

FLICKERS FROM THE 104th

C COMPANY

There were at least two new faces at the Worcester Convention that we have not seen for quite a while. RED DERBY all the way from Fort Edwards, N. Y., and MIKE ZONFRILLO from Brooklyn.

HARRY NOONAN attended his first Convention, and the way he was going the last I saw of him he should have had a good time.

JUD FISH has joined the VA at last. Have been trying to get him for the last ten years.

Just remembered seeing FRANK MCELROY who has been living down in Florida for quite a while, at the Convention.

FRANK SALOME, QUINCY PARK, and FRANK COUGHLIN are members of the Lowell Chapter.

RAY GRIGGIN and RALPH PARROTT are members of the Lynn Chapter, EARL BROWN of Brockton, HARRY KOCH of Chicago.

CHARLES TOYE, better known as Julian, has just joined the Boston Club.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

So far as your correspondent knows, every Company of the Engineers staged a reunion dinner at the Worcester Convention. Clanny bunch, eh what? to reune by companies. Still, that was the way we served in France, spread all over the Division: we seldom saw much of any company but our own.

E and F COMPANIES

The War Babies have had two parties together since the last DOINGS went to press. The regular annual affair on June 6 at the Armory, and a get-together in Worcester on June 27.

The Annual affair in the Armory was the biggest in recent years, many new faces putting in an appearance who hadn't been seen for years.

A COMPANY

Well, believe it or not, A Company finally went and did it—meaning, of course, the reunion at the Hotel Bancroft on Saturday evening during the YD Convention at Worcester.

Forty of the old crowd sat down to a chicken dinner, but who cared about eats with so much to talk over. Before the first course everyone stood in silence while RAY PARKER read the names of our former comrades who have left us. Incidentally, Ray did all the work in connection with getting us together and he deserves a lot of credit for his efforts.

Let's keep the ball a-rolling, and make it twice forty for the next A Company reunion which, we hope, will be held during the YD Convention in Portland, Maine, in 1937.

You will enjoy meeting the old crowd and they'll all be glad to see YOU!

Those who attended were: JOE STRONG (ex-Lieut. and always an old stand-by), RAY PARKER (who was responsible for it all), TOM PROCTOR—Sergeant that was, FRED HOYT, DAB HUNTER, LES CHESSMAN, GEORGE NEWMAN and SID ABBOTT (always together like bread and butter), BILL SYMMES, HARRY REED, ROGER HUBBELL, JIM MCKEARNEY (who didn't have to worry about the eats this time); ALEX BECKETT, JIM SIMPSON and FRANK BRAGAN (who came up from Hartford, Conn.), HARRY RYTHER, FEN BEELER, ART KING, JACK MAYO, GEORGE HAMMOND, RAY LORD, ELMER PURINGTON and "BLACKIE" LAVALLIE who came down from Maine; ED PERKINS, JULIUS DANIELS (another ex-Looie), LEON BARNES of the more or less melodious voice, EARL STANCHFIELD, HENRY MORRISON, LEO DEVEAU, CHARLEY ROW (who kept one waitress busy trying to make him stay put — same old Charley), PAT QUIRK, RALPH DANA and his card tricks, MAL ROSS, HARRY BOTSFORD (who forgot his orchestra but not his appetite), IRVING MARSH, JOCK HARVEY (just over a serious illness and whom we were all glad to see again), PAUL WYATT with a snappy mustache, LEO HOPKINS, "HIP" SHIELDS and his nephew from Jersey City, N. J., and ED BARRY.

More news next month about a few of the gang who were not there and why.

—ELBY.

ECHOES OF E

Well, here we go while the E-F party of June 6th is fresh in mind. We had BILL BUXTON with us again and he did the job FRED CAMPBELL has done for so many years—read off the list of "E" Co. dead at our opening ceremony. It was tough to think that we've lost four men since our last reunion! DOTTY BENT was on from New York—the first time we've seen him in ages. GRAFFAM, EARL RICHARDS and BILL WHITTAKER were down from Maine as usual and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. We stopped at the room they had at the Statler but found they weren't using it just then—probably out seeing the sights of Boston by moonlight. BUFFUM was another stranger in our midst and we hope those who were going to assist him in getting affidavits won't forget about that little duty to an old buddy. FRED CAMPBELL was in Minneapolis and sent us a telegram of greeting; also OKIE O'CONNOR out in Cleveland had us in mind and sent a message by Western Union—asking for an answer, the son-of-a-gun. That's no time to send telegrams but being a good soldier, sometimes, we sent him a reply. RUSS FRANCIS had to be out of town too, or he would have been there as usual. GORDON JOYCE was a newcomer in our midst and we were glad to see him around with the old gang again. JOHN FORTUNATI was another. WALTER JENKS and ARTHUR PAQUET represented Rhode Island nobly.

The Eddie Brush Memorial Committee had a sketch of the bust and inscription which they recommended and which was approved at the meeting. Later on you'll be given an opportunity to send in something to help make it a reality up in the drill hall. Speaking of Eddie, CHET THOMAS each year visits Eddie's grave on Memorial Day and now has been authorized to place flowers there in the future (LEA REDFIELD has done it several times in the past) and also to arrange with a Legion Post to see that a flag is put in the marker for each May 30th.

One of the "F" Co. men thought we ought to have a meeting some time this year in tribute to the mothers of "E" and "F" Co. and I promised to ask you fellows through "Echoes" what you thought of the idea. Let your Secretary know how you feel about this.

Guess that's all the dope gleaned from the party, but other things may come to mind as we go along. Oh, yes, HI LANDON was there to grace our board. He got acquainted with our War Babies' Reunions when he was Commanding Officer of the First Corps of Cadets and we're glad he liked them well enough to come back to them informally.

At the dinner in Worcester, RALPH EASTMAN, BILL BUXTON *and* JIM GADSBY more or less held the fort against an overwhelming detachment of F Company. There were other E Company men present, but your reporter, being a poor benighted F Company man, didn't recognize them by name. It yas a darn nice party anyhow.

F COMPANY

The following were seen in Worcester, at the E Co.-F Co. Dinner Saturday evening in the Bancroft: WIN LLOYD, LAWRENCE COTIE, DICK DESCHENE, ERNEST KLUGE, ED PURDY, GEORGE COLLINS (former looey whom we haven't seen in years, now a Worcesterite), DARRAGH HIGGINS, CHARLIE DAVIS, LEA REDFIELD, DUTCH VAN BAEL, JOHN HANSON, PHIL SANBORN, "Bugler" WILSON of Sanford, Maine, JOE KENNA. Others, who were not at the dinner, but attended the Convention: LEANDER MAES, DINTY ROSS, EV MCLAUGHLIN, ELMER CASEY, JOE CICCOLO, ERNEST "SMOKY" TREMONT, JIM "RED" KEENAN, JOHN DAY, ED SAULNIER, JIMMY JAMES, MATTY FARRELL, JOHN CASWELL, JOE LATAILLE.

A bang-up feed was served by the Bancroft in one of the private dining rooms, and the crowd furnished their own entertainment of story-telling and singing.

We had a whole column of F Company stuff written up for the May issue, but it got squeezed out because of lack of space. If your reporter, as editor of DOINGS, left in the F Co. stuff, and squeezed SOME ONE ELSE out, there might be a squawk of playing favorites. So we squeezed old F Company, which can take it (always has!) It had to do with a trip through the old stamping ground up Fryeburg way late in April, chatting with LYME ELA and getting the gossip about the rest of the Maine boys. It's all ancient now, so let's skip it.

—P. N. S.

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